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Man Admits Murdering Family

Makes Extraordinary Statement

Joplin, Missouri, Jan. 19. —William E. Cook, Jr., has admitted he killed the five-member Carl Mosser family on the outskirts of Joplin, Lee Boardman, special agent in charge of the Kansas City Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, announced today.

Mr. Boardman said the admission was obtained by FBI agents in San Diego. The county prosecutor, Dale Toulce, said he would prepare five separate murder charges against Cook immediately.

Boardman said Cook "definitely recalls" he and the Mossers arrived on the outskirts of Joplin when he stopped the car. "Four of them were in the car, and I was in the car with them," he said. "I saw the Mosser family to the effect that he was to tie them up and leave them in the car in order that he would have time to escape."

At this point, the statement continued, a police car passed the Mosser car and two officers looked them over very carefully and drove on. It said Cook had been in the process of binding and gagging his victims. As the red tail light of the police faded, "the woman and children began screaming and a light came on in a nearby house."

"Cook stated that at this time he shot and killed the entire Mosser family. Later he drove to an abandoned mine shaft, into which he dumped the bodies," United Press.

6 Men Buried In Avalanches

Milan, Jan. 19. —Avalanches in Northern Italy today buried six men, killing three. Two others were killed by an avalanche in another area, while two others were buried in the same avalanche, north of Como, near the Swiss frontier. They were dug out by villagers, but one of them died later. —Associated Press.

Dutch Lag In Defence Preparations

The Hague, Jan. 19. —Faced with strong criticism from North Atlantic defence chiefs and with prodding from press and public to speed up the defence programme, the Dutch Government must make vital decisions in the very near future, it is learned from usually reliable quarters today.

A newspaper report that General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the North Atlantic Army Supreme Commander, had written to the American Ambassador stating he had left Holland "disappointed and depressed" was described by the Dutch Foreign Minister, Dr. Dirk Stikker, as "a scandalous leak" but it was not denied.

The Dutch Army authorities have faced reluctance by the Finance Minister, M. Lefinc, and other Ministers to switch funds from social services and industrial progress.

There has also been an inter-departmental battle over defence plans resulting in comparatively little being done. General Eisenhower's visit has practically forced the "go slow" members of the Government to modify their views, but the dilemma which faces the Government is whether there shall be a short-term or a long-term policy of defence preparations. —Reuter.

Bale Of Cotton Auctions For £250

Manchester, Jan. 19. —A bale of fine American cotton, sent by the people of Edinburgh, Texas, to Princess Anne, daughter of Princess Elizabeth was auctioned for £250 at a mill near here today.

Another £250 was added by the Raw Cotton Commission and Princess Elizabeth is giving the total to charities after buying a Reuter.

UN CONDEMNATION OF CHINA EXPECTED

Sanctions Problem Envisaged

Lake Success, Jan. 19. —A substantial majority of the members of the United Nations were expected to support the condemnation of Communist China as an aggressor at today's meeting of the Political Committee to consider next steps in Korea.

No vote is, however, expected until next week.

A group of Arab and Asian nations met today a few hours before the Political Committee's meeting in an effort to find some eleventh hour formula through which Peking could be given one more chance to reach a peaceful settlement.

While the required support for a straight-forward condemnation of the Chinese People's Republic was thought certain, less unanimity was expected on the problem of what sanctions should be taken against Peking.

The United States delegation to the resolution which is now being made ready will ask the United Nations to support the principle that "collective measures" should be taken against any aggressor.

But even high-ranking members of the United States delegation were today still not prepared to lay down precisely what such measures should be. The problem was expected to be handed over next week to the newly created Collective Measures Committee—a body of 14 nations which has not had any experience in its field.

CHILE SUPPORTS

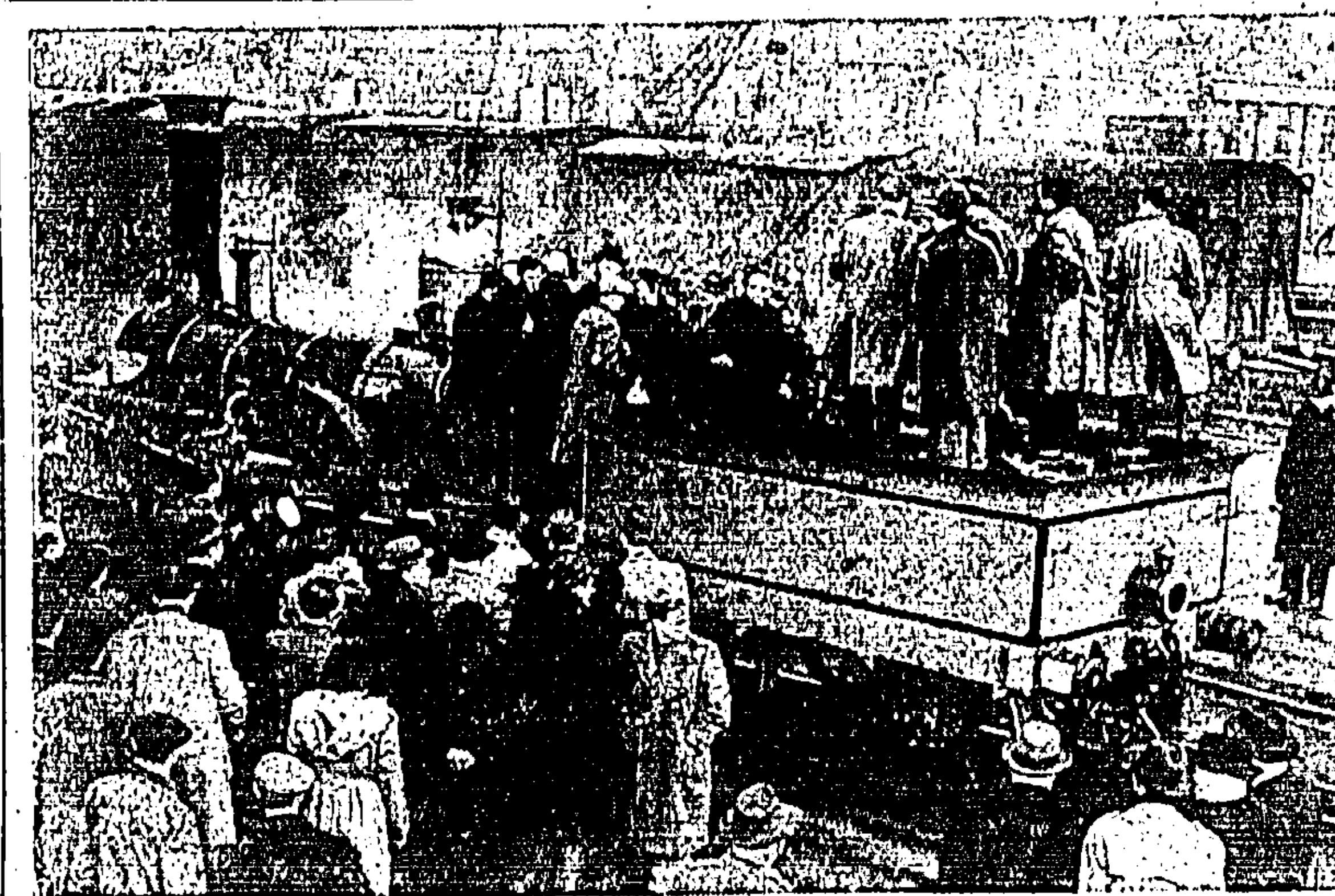
Chile today supported in the United Nations' Political Committee a condemnation of Communist China as an aggressor in Korea and agreed with the proposal to hand the question over to the United Nations' Collective Measures Committee.

Mr. Hernan Santa Cruz, Chilean delegate, said that if the United Nations were to accept the terms offered by Peking it would lose all moral prestige.

He denied that the branding of Communist China as an aggressor would make future negotiation impossible.

He said that the United Nations had never refused to negotiate, but would not do so on the basis of a "disgraceful peace."

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"La Petite Buddha"—108 year old British designed locomotive that gave the name Buddicom to a whole series of French engines, puffs triumphantly into a London Station at the end of her journey from Paris, to appear in this year's Festival of Britain. Though towed for most of the journey, the engine completed the last lap under her own steam. Buddicom, owned by the French Railways, has been loaned for the Railway Section of the Festival Exhibition.—London Express Service.

Found Guilty Of Murder

Tokyo, Jan. 19. —A United States Army General Court-Martial convicted a 22-year-old Private Howard L. Cannon for premeditated murder of a Japanese girl.

The Court found Cannon guilty of shooting and killing Yoshiko Kametani while he was on guard duty at Camp Carver, Kobe, on May 2 last year.

After killing the girl, who had gone to the camp to see him, Cannon attempted to kill himself but recovered from the wound after hospitalization. —Reuter.

Segregation A Condition For State Aid

Atlanta, Georgia, Jan. 19. —A record-breaking \$89,000,000 appropriations bill was introduced in the Georgia state legislature on Friday with the surprise provision that no Georgia school could get any state funds unless it enforced segregation.

The bill, drafted for Governor Herman Talmadge, gives Georgia schools twice the amount of money they received in the past. But the bill provides "the State Board of Education shall not be authorized or empowered to appropriate or pay any funds appropriated herein to any school system that does not provide separate schools for white and coloured races." The bill said that should a school system permit the mixing of races, its allowance shall be cancelled.

The bill also provides "Should any part or portion of this section be held unconstitutional by the final judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction, then this entire section shall thereupon be void, invalid and unenforceable and the remaining balance of funds appropriated in this section in whole or in part shall not be paid."

This means, if the United States Supreme Court, to which such case surely would be appealed, should order non-segregated schools for Georgia, state funds for education would be cut off. However, provisions for public schools and universities are separate in the bill. The state would continue to provide money for these two branches even if other schools violated the segregation provisions.—United Press.

76 Terrorists Slain In Malaya

Singapore, Jan. 19. —A Government communiqué said today that 76 Communist terrorists were killed by security forces in December, 54 wounded and 21 captured in western engagements. It was the largest number killed since the Communists opened a rebellion against the British rule.—United Press.

Supplies Of Rice In The Far East Are Dangerously Low

London, Jan. 19. —Supplies of rice for Far Eastern people are dangerously below requirements, the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation warned here today.

In a published survey of the rice position, the FAO said that supplies available for consumption in 1950 were three per cent below prewar averages, while the total population was believed up by 10 per cent.

Modern techniques must be applied to production, it said, asserting that the average production per unit in India, Burma and Pakistan was one-third the yield of Japanese paddy fields.

Political and economic instability were major limiting factors in expanding rice production.

Extension of the rice area and improvement of the productivity of existing rice lands must be the basis of all plans for the solution of the food problem, the report said.

During the last decade expansion of the rice area has been most pronounced in the Indian sub-continent.

Because of the uncertainty of the water supply, the low level of soil fertility and other limiting factors, much of the additional land brought under food crops remained marginal for rice growing.

POOR PRODUCTION

To improve the productivity of these marginal lands was one of the principal objectives of the national agricultural plans of both India and Pakistan.

Though India controlled almost one-third of the world area under rice—an estimated area of 29.6 million hectares yielding 34.5 million tons of paddy—she turned out less than one-fourth of the estimated world production.

Production in Pakistan declined by 3.5 percent in 1950 compared with 1948-49.

Japan, with an area below prewar, harvested a record crop in 1949-50 of 12,224,000 tons, or six percent above prewar.

A record crop was also reported from Formosa, which before the war was an important "rice bowl" area which Japan depended to some extent for its import needs.

Extensive crop failures in China, plus the setback of recovery in Burma more than offset production increases in the Far East.

The difficulties of the disposal of surplus rice at "depressed prices," or for acceptable foreign exchange caused the crop areas in Egypt and Italy to be reduced by 12 percent and eight percent respectively from the previous year's figures.

Brazil, the largest rice-growing country in the Western Hemisphere, harvested a record crop in 1949-50. Production was 18 per cent greater than in the previous year.

The United States, the largest surplus-producing country in the Western Hemisphere, harvested a crop estimated at 90 per cent above prewar.

The outstanding changes in the pattern and direction of international trade in rice during 1950, the report said, were the drastic reduction in India's import demand, and the virtual disappearance of China as a

INDIA'S FOOD SHORTAGE

Sydney, Jan. 19. —India is now so short of food that "we are asking all countries to come to our aid and give us whatever they can," the Indian High Commissioner in Australia, Mr. K. S. Dutt, said today.

The Australian Wheat Board had promised to do its best to give him an additional 16 million bushels of wheat for India but, because of the floods in New South Wales, it might have only 50 per cent of the estimate. —Reuter.

RATIONS CUT

New Delhi, Jan. 19. —India, facing a serious shortage of food grains, has decided to rationing throughout the country by a quarter, it was learned today.

India's rationing system covers about 113,000,000 people, or nearly one-third of the total population.

The country's shortage of food grains, accentuated by floods and droughts and by earthquakes, is estimated at 6,000,000 tons. —Reuter.

Korea Offensive Pending

NEW COMMUNIST CONCENTRATIONS

Tokyo, Jan. 19. —Communist activity in the eastern sector of the Korean war front tonight suggested that a new offensive against the United Nations army is pending after the 10-day lull.

Pilots and prisoners' reports from the Korean front tonight indicated that some crack Communist troops were withdrawing from the battle area for refitting in Manchuria.

But simultaneously United Nations patrols probing deeply through the No-Man's-Land across the peninsula ran into strong forces of Communists in several places. This indicated that only Chinese Communist divisions mauled from the air, suffering from icy weather or cut up in the battles for Hungnam in the North-East and Wonsu, south-east of Seoul, had been taken out of the line.

Concentrations of Communists were reported in the Suwon area, about 20 miles south of Seoul, north and southeast of Wonsu, and south of the 37th Parallel in the east.

CONFUSED POSITION

Though little action had by tonight been reported in the past 24 hours, Communist movements and concentrations in the east, central and west sectors indicated a new offensive was looming there after the 10 days' lull since the Wonsu action.

Chinese Communist Third Army troops were reported both in the east coast and slipping southeast towards the Punggi pass through Chechon, but the position was confused. Chechon and Punggi, both southeast of Wonsu, are on the road and railway leading down to Taegu.

Despatches from the central front tonight said that three skirmishes were reported there earlier today when United Nations patrols went out for the fourth day to find out why the Communists had stopped short after rushing across the 38th Parallel dividing South and North Korea.

An intercepted Chinese Communist Army broadcast indicated that Chinese Communist troops were moving across the Pyongyang River, five miles northeast of Chechon, but the direction was not stated. —Reuter.

HEAVY AA FIRE

Tokyo, Jan. 19. —Twenty Superforts, on the Pyongyang strike, ran into heavy anti-aircraft fire—the heaviest since the Reds re-took the city.

Five Communist ack-ack positions were knocked out in a sweep over Kangdohg and three more near Sonchon.

F-80 Shooting Star jets destroyed the southern end of a road bridge near Hulschon, North Central Korea.

The final Air Force report for the day listed 124 buildings, containing enemy troops or supplies, as destroyed and 84 damaged. —Associated Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Danger Of Defeatism

THE Western World faces an insidious peril that is often overlooked in these crucial days. It is, in a word, the danger of defeatism. An analysis, for instance, of the recent speeches of Senator Taft and some of his Republican colleagues in the United States show that they are impregnated with this disturbing quality. The United Nations is written off as "an utterly ineffective weapon." And the argument continues: France and Britain will "in all probability" turn Communist if the Russians get to the Rhine; it would make no difference "if ten or more American divisions" were sent to Europe. Through these speeches run the clear abnegation of leadership in favour of self-protection. The emphasis throughout is on "the American people" as if the United States had no mission in the world but its national interests. Many Americans, it is clear from the correspondence columns of the newspapers, regard this defeatism as all the more dangerous because it is an impalpable, elusive quality, and the New York Times on the subject pointedly observes that "we have been quick and sharp in our criticism of the element in France and Europe generally, but if the leading Power of the democratic world should show the same weakness the harm would be infinitely greater."

A leading American churchman expresses the same thought in these terms: "The greatest danger before us, too often unperceived, is that in frustration and fear we become pre-occupied solely with personal and national well-being." Because it is a spiritual malady defeatism is difficult to eradicate. The idea, as General Eisenhower has said, is to "bring confidence—not fear—to the hearts of men." He has an "unshakable" faith

in Europe, in the underlying courage of its peoples, in their willingness to live and sacrifice for a secure peace and the continuance and progress of civilisation. There are defeatists, too, in Western Europe, but they do not begin to represent general opinion. And there, also, are to be found in not inconsiderable numbers the professional Communist agitators who automatically endeavour to undermine anything attempted or done in the interests of Western democracy. But they, too, do not represent the spirit of the freedom-loving peoples of Europe, who are "willing to live and sacrifice for a secure peace and the continuance and progress of civilisation." Senator Taft, ex-President Hoover and others who feel like them want to see Europe saved for democracy but they do not think the United States can help Europe enough to save it. They have no faith in Europe. If that were the prevailing American opinion, it stands to reason that Europe would have no faith in America and the game would be lost to Russia without a struggle. But majority American opinion today is willing to start from the premise that the security of Western Europe is vital to the United States and it draws the conclusion that America must give a convincing reaffirmation to the people of Europe of American unity with them and of leadership in setting up an effective defence. This is still the tenor of the State Department's policy so far as Europe is concerned, and that is, fortunately, no possibility of it being changed under the existing Administration. It is a policy that is the opposite of defeatism; it is the sort of common sense and courage that we are certain will make the greater appeal to Americans.

CONGRESS VOTE

Washington, Jan. 19. —An aroused House of Representatives today approved a resolution urging the United Nations to brand Red China an aggressor in Korea.

Only a few "no" votes were audible in the voice vote.

In the brief debate, however, some Republicans contended the resolution was tantamount to a declaration of war on the Chinese Communist Government.

However, Representative Joe Martin of Massachusetts, the Republican leader, said he did not construe it that way. It is merely an expression of sentiment among the House members.

House Democratic leader John McCormack of Massachusetts introduced the resolution and was joined in the action by Mr. Martin.

Mr. McCormack said his over-whelming approval by the House would show the rest of the world that the United States is truly united.

HIS ONLY REGRET

Mr. Martin said his only regret was that the action was not several weeks ago, to head off what he called the recent "appeasement" vote in the UN on a Korean cease-fire proposal.

Although Mr. McCormack presented the resolution as an expression of bipartisan foreign policy, Representative Paul H. Douglas, Michigan Republican, declared that the Republicans supporting the move "do not speak for the Republican party" and forced a quorum roll call to establish that a majority of the membership was on hand. The tally showed 208 present, with 210 required for a quorum.

Speaking for the resolution, Representative John M. Vorys, Ohio Republican, declared that unless the UN acts on the Korean situation, "it is heading for its last round-up."

Representative John Wood, Idaho Republican, insisted that the resolution "practically declares war on Communist China." —Associated Press.

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ONCE A YEAR the picturesque gondollers of Venice take the day off and whoop it up with the world's biggest water carnival. Reflecting past glory, hundreds of gondolas parade down the Grand Canal over the exact route used by the Doge—the princely rulers—six centuries ago.

The water vehicles have changed little and the

costumes are similar to those worn in the 1300s when Venice was world-famous as a trading centre. To the 500,000 spectators lining the banks, the scene is a page from history.

The parade goes slowly and quietly, for motor-driven boats are expressly forbidden in the pageant. Decorated gondolas, called blisones, lead the colour-

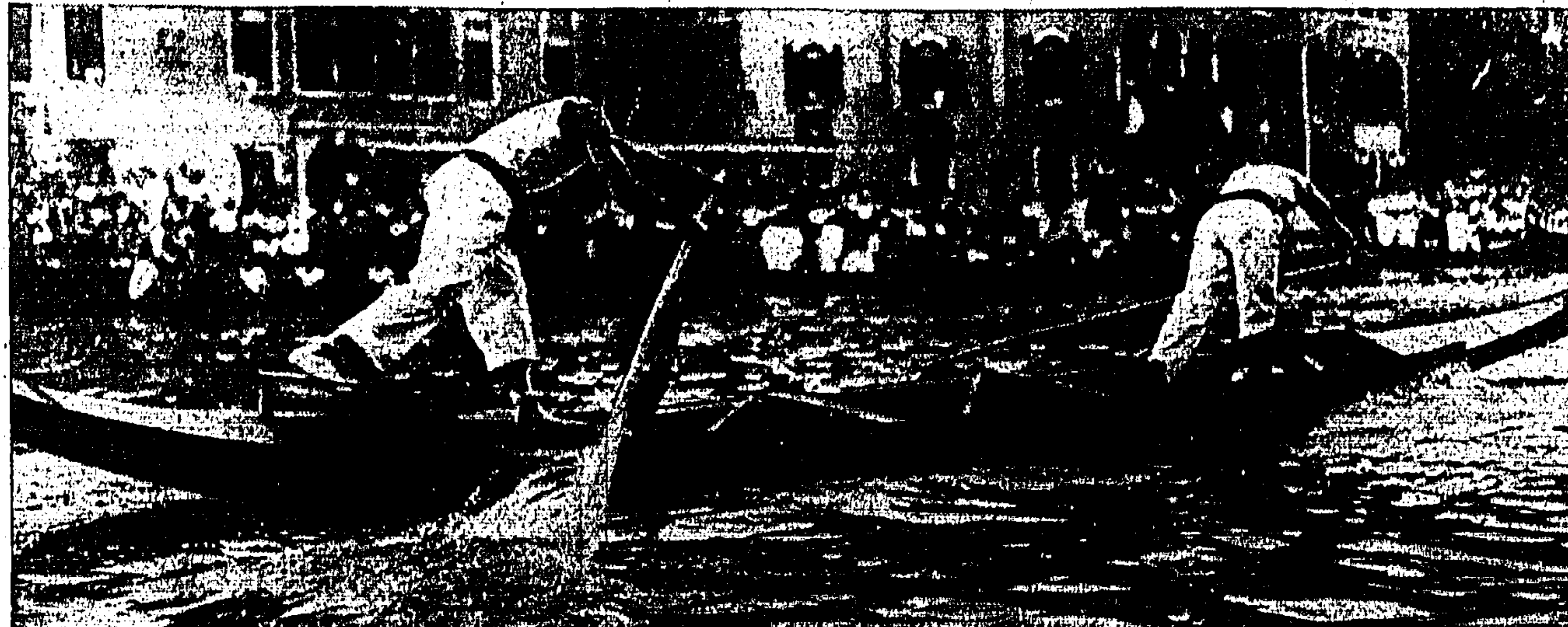
ful procession. Used annually only on this one occasion, the blisones are lavish duplicates of those of the Fourteenth Century.

After the stately regatta comes the gondollers' event. Strong-armed oarsmen race their sleek craft down the waterway. There are prizes for the victorious gondollers.



AN ORNATE blisone, a decorated gondola with hand-carved figureheads and brightly painted hull, gets underway to take its place at the head of the pro-

cession. Exact duplicates of the floating "limousines" used by the Doge in the Fourteenth Century, the blisones are brought out once a year for the carnival.



ROWING with all their strength, a team of oarsmen drive their shallow water flat-bottom working vehicles. The gondoller in the stern has taken taxi down the Grand Canal during the gondola race. In this event, only the off his shoes to prevent slipping. Spectators along the course cheer favourites.



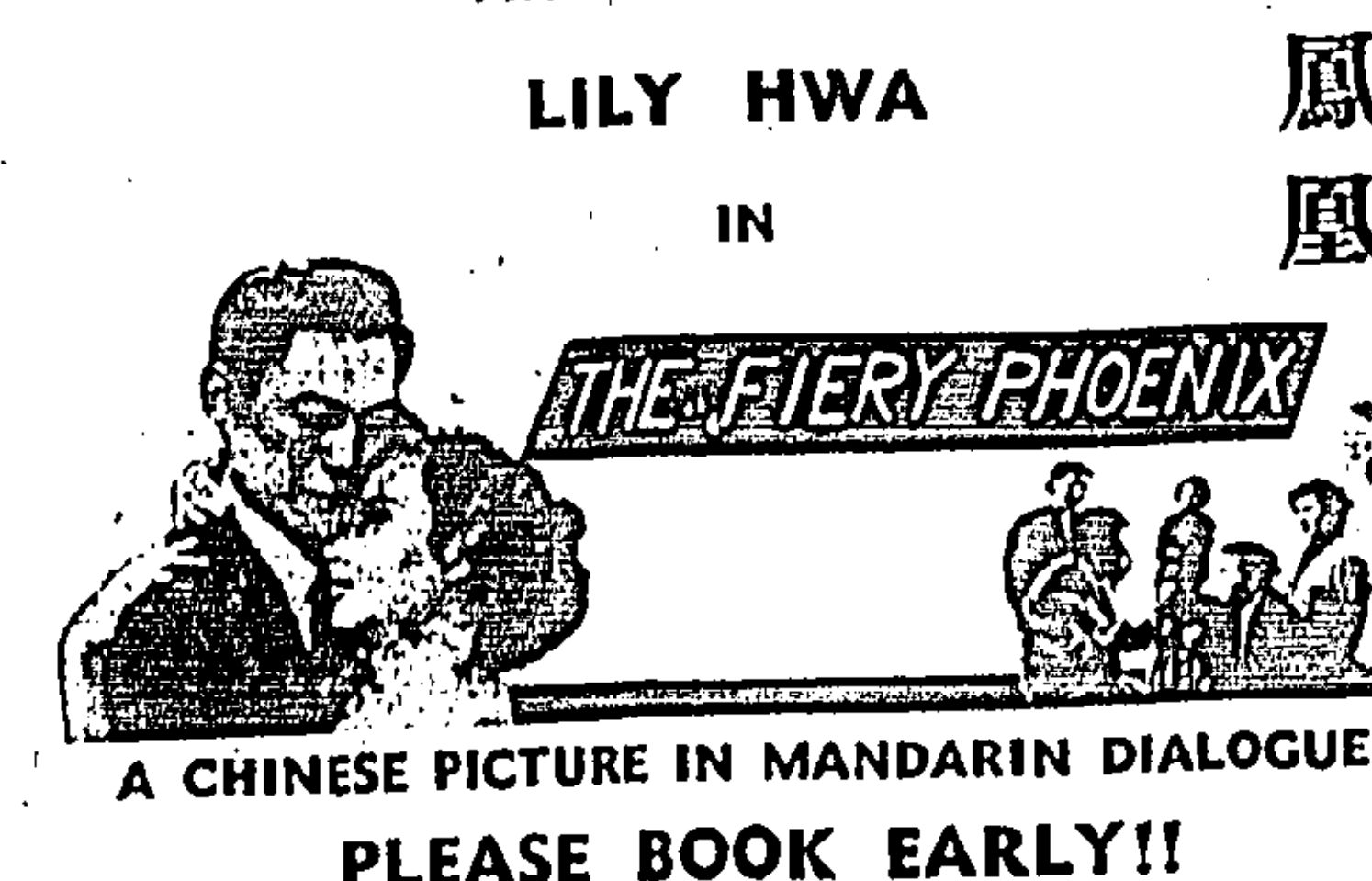
DRESSED in the colourful costume of medieval Venice, a gondoller works the short oar on a blisone. Riding the stern is a beautifully-carved figure of Neptune, armed with trident.



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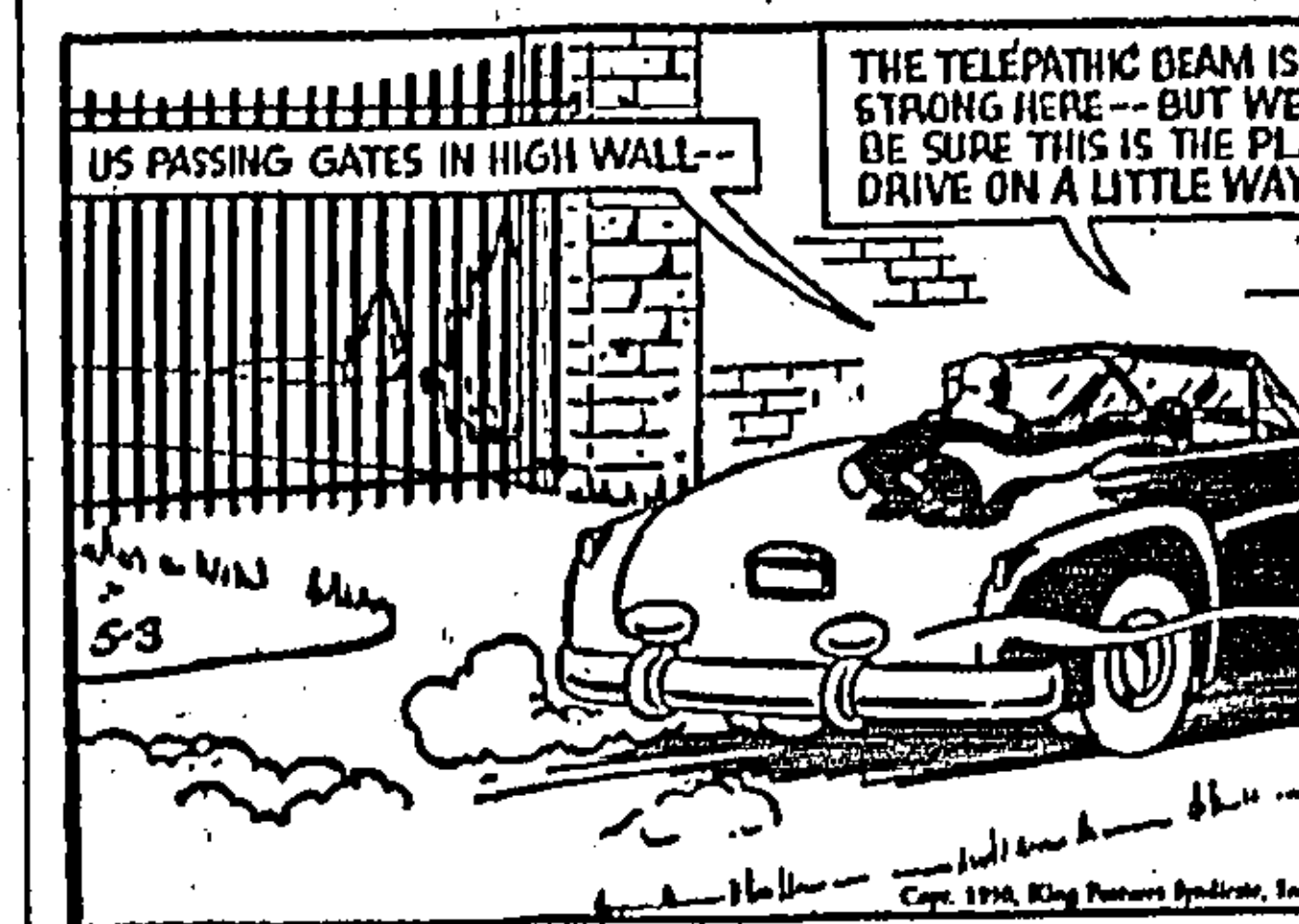
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BRITONS GET ACQUAINTED WITH THE X FILMS

At 18 you may be old enough not to be frightened by this form of entertainment

By RONALD ROPER

London, Jan. 11. Those cinema-goers who take their recreation (and education) seriously have been wondering what their first X film would be like. Now some of them know. Provided they are over 18—the new British censorship certificate imposes that qualification, which is welcomed as evidence that the cinema is growing up with its patrons—they may be admitted to the Cameo-Polytechnic to see the first X film exhibited in Britain. The choice has fallen on "Life Begins Tomorrow," in which a French atomic expert and editor of a journal on the subject introduces a young man to eminent Frenchmen who demonstrate and discuss the wonders of modern science and their portents for the future. The characters include a biologist, an architect, two writers and Picasso the artist. The film comes as a graphic reminder of the oft-expressed fear that man's command of the forces of Nature may have outstripped his ability to control the still more potent forces within man himself. No doubt 18 is a tender enough age at which to get at grips with this issue. But I imagine that "Life Begins Tomorrow" gets its X mainly to spare a younger audience the horrifying shots of atom bomb effects. Nor are some of the close-ups of biological experiments fare for the squeamish. Paul Holt, I notice, has been at pains to debunk any notion that the cryptic X is another way of indicating that in less enlightened days this class of film would have been banned. When he says "I hope you will not be frightened of this entertainment," he doesn't refer to the first X film but to X films in general. They will not necessarily be salacious, he informs us, but rather deal with subjects of social import which the immature mind might not truly understand. Incidentally he undertakes, in our interests, to be alert to the danger that the film exhibitors won't be as keen as the critics to disabuse the public mind of the idea that X really stands for "Naughty."

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Feminine depravity
Oddly enough this week it looks as if a trio of ordinary releases come near to qualifying as X films. All deal with feminine depravity and are not what some of us call "entertainment." We have seen in "The Snake Pit" what the inside of some American mental hospitals can be like. Now comes "So Young, So Bad" to introduce us to the worst kind of American reform school. According to producer Harry Danziger it is based on fact. If you have got the impression that adult offenders in USA are pampered, it should be a corrective to note that Campbell Dixon puts on record the calousness of otherwise kindly Americans to law-breakers—men sentenced to a month or six weeks for misdemeanours working at El Paso in chain-gangs, for example. So he is not prepared to contradict Mr. Danziger. Used as we have become to vulgar crime by teenagers of both sexes, "So Young, So Bad" will horrify a British public. "If the film should be popular here," says Campbell, "it will be because the subject is one of the most important and absorbing of our time and because a number of the girls give clever and moving performances." One of these is given by Anne Francis, who began acting at six and is still learning the hard way. In this film she undergoes a variety of harrowing experiences at the hands of a superintendent who seems to have passed through the Belsen school. Depravity is also the keynote of "Where Danger Lives" and "Born to be Bad." The latter, resembling in theme the 1950 vintage production "All About Eve," is said to be a good deal better than its cheap new title suggests. Featuring beautiful Joan Fontaine, it is based on Anne Parrish's novel, "All Kneeling." In "Where Danger Lives" the feminine star is Faith Domergue, who qualifies as a fast worker in real life. A Creole, she signed her first film contract at 15—ten years ago. She studied languages, corrected a lisp, married her director (Hugo Frey) and has a baby. The critics' assessments of Miss Domergue include: "More beautiful than Bernhardt but not yet such a good actress," "A good-looking lass with eyes like black cherries and hair like a midnight waterfall. She screams well and makes love on the screen as if she meant it. At the moment this appears to be the limit of her acting ability."

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It WASN'T Fun Finding Out BERNARD WICKSTEED'S STRAIGHT-TO-THE-HEART DIARY

WHAT do the Koreans think about it all? I have three points of view in my diary.

One from a young fellow with a university education, another from an old woman who used to do my washing, and the third from a man I saw shot by a firing squad.

The youth who had been to a university was employed by a colleague of mine to translate the Korean papers. He said quite frankly that when we pulled out of Seoul he was going to stay behind.

"But they'll shoot you because you worked for us," we said.

"Oh, no they won't," he answered. "You see, I shall become a Communist, too."

He said he wasn't going to do this to save his skin. He could save that by going south with everyone else. Nor was he staying through any belief in the teachings of Marx.

It was simply that he thought the Communists had a better chance of uniting the country than UNO.

With the forces of UNO falling back at a breakneck speed it was difficult for us to convince him that he might be wrong.

Case history-2

NOW meet Momma-san, the laundress. She is a grandmother with baggy trousers and hair done up in a tight little bun at the back. Her timid ways and beady black eyes make her seem like a mouse.

Two days before Christmas she peeped round the door in her mouse-like way and announced, in a mixture of gestures and pidgin English, that she was going to Pusan.

She had got a place on a truck going south. It cost her a million won—more than £200—and to raise the money she had sold up everything except the clothes she stood in and a bundle of bedding.

We gave her some cigarettes and chocolates for the journey and asked why she was going. She would have to ride for the best part of a week perched dangerously on top of an overloaded truck, with no protection whatever against the biting sub-zero wind.

Surely it would have been better to have kept her home together and stayed behind. She had done no wrong. The Communists wouldn't do anything to her because she had once washed dirty linen for the democratic Press.

Ah, we didn't understand, she explained with a wealth of shy giggles and timid gestures. It wasn't the Communists she was afraid of. She had stayed behind before, and it made little difference to her whose shirts she washed.

What made her sell up her home and join the refugees was the dread of being bombed again by the United Nations.

I hope she made the journey safely. She was rather a dear, and it is fortunate that the opponents of the United Nations haven't an air force to frighten her.

Case history-3

THE third Korean had been tortured when I saw him. I should think he had been tortured for a long time. He couldn't walk and had to be carried to the top of the hill where his grave had already been dug. His face was the colour of this paper, and but for the Mongolian cast of his eyes he might have come straight out of Belsen.

I didn't want to go to the execution, but a Norwegian journalist told me I must. He said I couldn't report the war honestly unless I saw this side of it, too.

So we drove out to the execution ground in the same truck as the five men who were to be shot. They had to kneel on the floor under their heads bowed.

The Norwegian and I stood round them with the guards and tried to keep our balance as the truck bumped out through the suburbs of Seoul and into the hills beyond.

I don't know whether the man I am writing about deserved to die or not. The magistrate who came out in his car to witness the execution said he was a Communist informer and had been given a fair trial.

The guards tied him to a post by his arms, and as they were

THREE PEOPLE I THINK WE FORGET...

about to blindfold him he caught sight of me for the first time. I was wearing my old R.A.F. greatcoat and I believe he thought I was a Russian.

Whatever it was, he pointed to me and started to argue with the guards. One of them raised the butt of his rifle to give him a clout, then lowered it as he remembered there were outsiders present.

The doomed man continued to shout in such a frenzied way that our interpreter couldn't understand what he was saying...

We drove back in the truck—five fewer than went out.

Epilogue-1

WHY do I tell you these three stories? Because I think you ought to know what people are thinking there.

On the surface none of these three points of view sounds very encouraging to the cause to which we are pledged, and for which some of your sons and husbands are already fighting.

But it is no good shutting your eyes to them and pretending they don't exist.

We have to do something to help these people get over that feeling of hopelessness, and the worst way of doing so is to pretend that it doesn't exist.

Epilogue-2

AMID such puzzling surroundings as these what is the morale of our boys like? Well, I think it is wonderful, considering that more than half of them have been called up from the Reserve and don't want to be soldiers anyway, let alone soldiers in Korea.

It does your heart good to see them stolidly putting up with every kind of hardship, grumbling like mad but doing it with a twinkle in the eye.

—(London Express Service)

OTTO HAD A DOLLAR PROBLEM, TOO...

A BEERY little letter showed up in the mail the other day from a man in Milwaukee....

Dear Mr. Rose:
There's an old German couple in our neighbourhood named Otto and Lena Brenner. Otto has been a gatekeeper at one of the local breweries for longer than most of us can remember, and ever since he got married in 1910 he's been turning his pay cheque over to his wife who cashes it at the grocer's and gives him a couple of dollars off the top for spending money.

About 30 cents of this goes for smoking tobacco and the rest for beer at Stegmeyer's Social Club, a saloon where Otto drops in regularly for a little talk with the boys. Lena, of course, has never approved of the club, and has always said Otto's friends were a bunch of no-goods.

Last month Lena got word that her sister in Racine was sick and needed her.

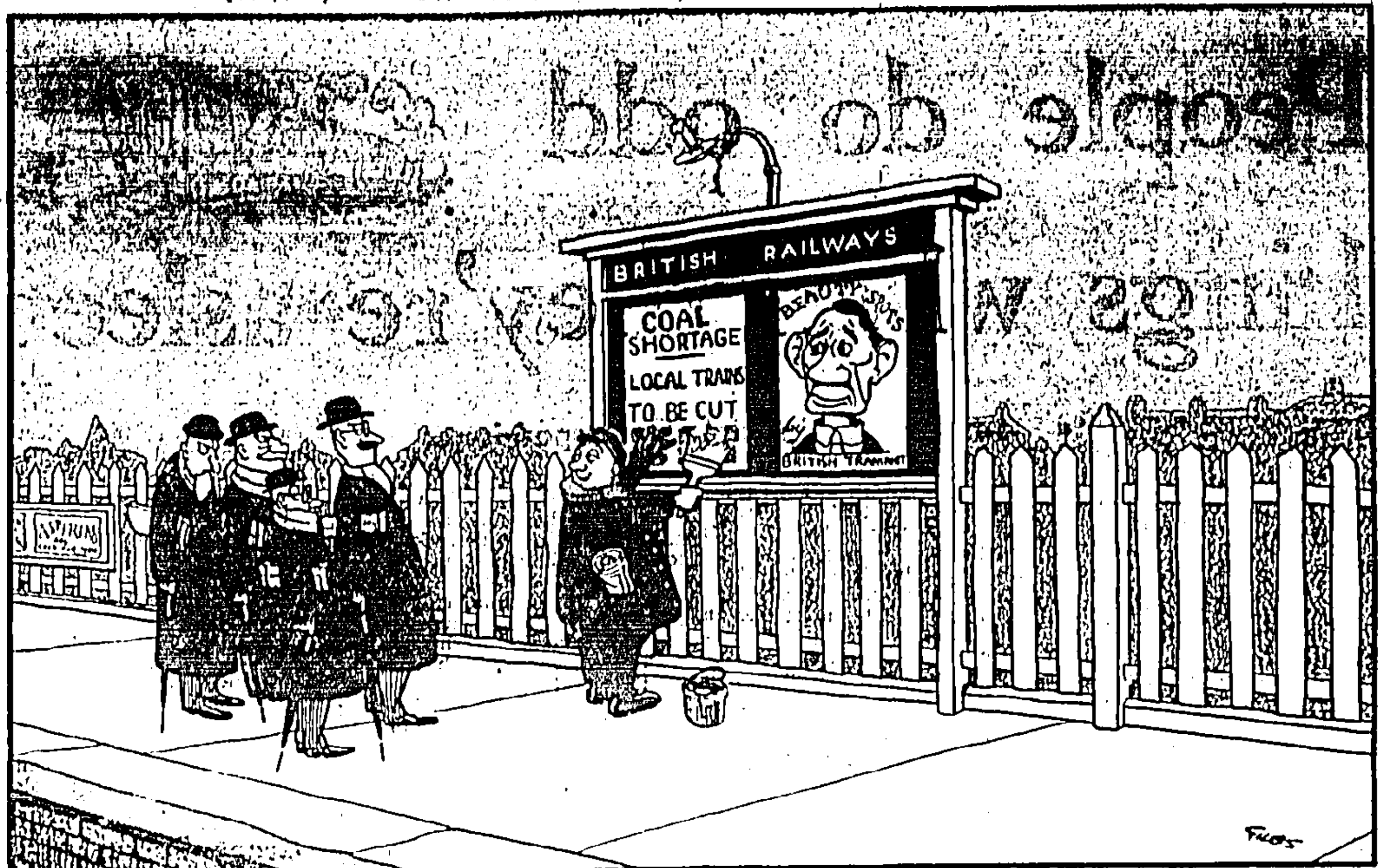
The following Friday night when Otto cashed his cheque he took 37 dollars in bills, and shoved them into his pants pocket, along with an odd quarter left over from his previous week's spending money. Then he went home, ate a little dinner, and stretched out on the couch for a nap.

For the best part of an hour he turned and tossed but finally he gave up, put on his hat and headed for Stegmeyer's.

A few doors from the bar, a panhandler gave him a hard-luck story, and it was so convincing that Otto dug down and gave him the quarter. Then he went into the beer parlour where, of course, he got his usual warm reception, and had himself his usual fine time. That is, until it was his turn to buy a round—when he reached for his money it wasn't there.

"This is the first time my old lady has let me cash my pay cheque and I'll never hear the end of it if I don't have the money when she gets back," said Otto. "I gave a panhandler a quarter before I came in and that's when the bills must have fallen out of my pocket."

Well, practically everybody in Stegmeyer's went out to look for Otto's money, but none was



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SINCLAIR LEWIS — the man who 'died' twice

by
REBECCA WEST

WHEN Sinclair Lewis died it was his second death. For at some time in the thirties a man of great literary talent, possibly genius, changed into an eccentric whose literary gifts were locked in a struggle with the odd things he did and said and the odd way he lived.

In his middle thirties he wrote with a carelessness of craft for which he got less credit than he deserved, because he was a best-seller. Two novels were really original.

They were the first satires on modern America: on the smug American small town in Main Street, on the smug American business man in Babbitt.

It might almost be said that the United States had never laughed at itself before. These books were not only funny, they were of great historical importance.

For what they guyed was the mood of excessive self-confidence which led to the over-speculation which in its turn led to the great crash of 1929, and the collapse of the financiers of the whole world.

RED HAIR

It seemed as if "Red" would go on from strength to strength, for he seemed to have inexhaustible vitality.

He was most striking in appearance. He was very tall with bright-red hair, a long knobby nose, and long knobby limbs.

He was extremely plain, except when he had the look of a rather nice little boy.

He had a not unendearing middle-western accent. When he tried to stop a taxi with the cry "Driver," soft, burled R's went rolling down the streets.

He was greatly liked when he first visited London. He was eager, modest, enthusiastic, joyous, and he passionately meant to write profoundly, truly, beautifully.

It is, of course, quite certain that he did succeed in writing better than most of us. All the same, the story did not work out as could have been wished.

There were too many talents competing for possession of his lean and vital body.

WELSH BLOOD

He was Welsh by blood, and in temperament, he conformed to a recognisable type, the Welsh Non-conformist preacher.

He was full of the sense that man ought to exorcise his ingrained guilt, and seek salvation and often this sense rose to a revivalist passion, and the words poured out of him—sometimes out of his pen, sometimes out of his mouth, particularly at parties.

He was also the son of a doctor, and he thought medicine the highest occupation a man could follow, and always regretted that he had not followed in his father's footsteps.

He also had considerable talent—not so great as he supposed but still remarkable—as an actor and a mimic.

All these gifts complicated his career as a writer. Sometimes they married with momentarily happy results.

HIS 'TRACT'

The writer, the preacher and the doctor all got together in Martin Armstrong's, a book about modern American scientific medicine, which reads too much like a tract, but is still well worth reading.

As a mimic he could reproduce the idiom of a 17th-century



SINCLAIR LEWIS

He made U.S.A. laugh at itself

The historian of the future who wants to know how a certain kind of pre-depression American talked need only turn to The Man Who Knew Coolidge, and if he wants to know how pre-depression Americans felt about a trip to Europe he need only turn to Dodsworth. But in the long run the writer was defeated by the other parts of Red Lewis.

The preacher committed him to novels in which the action did not spring out of the characters, but from a moral argument, which he had complete in his mind when he started.

It made him oddly discontented with his own personal life. He was married twice.

His first wife, Grace Hegger Lewis, was a woman of enchanting prettiness, a whimsical turn of mind, a superb housewife, and a devoted wife.

As the wife of a prosperous author she had quite inevitably to live in a certain way. This worried him, just as it would have worried a Welsh preacher.

THE MIMIC

His married life became a symbol to him of light-mindedness and folly, though it had actually anchored him in safe waters, in spite of the tendency of the non-preacher parts of him to drift.

His dramatic gifts also acted inconveniently for him.

Mimicry became an inordinate passion, and it was not easy for a hostess or her guests to be pleased and keep pleased when Red appeared at a dinner party, speaking broken English in the character of a Budapest antique dealer, and refused to abandon this impersonation during the whole evening.

He took to padding out his books with long passages of dialogue, which had little to do with the action simply because he had invented an idiom for the characters he would like to speak.

His career became more and more disordered. He was deeply upset by an incident which began by pleasing him and ended by making him deeply miserable.

In 1930 he received the Nobel prize for literature. It was an unexpected award, for he was only 45 and his books were not of unquestioned greatness.

English writers were unenthused. Many had laboured hard and in vain to get the prize awarded to Thomas Hardy, who

had coveted the honour, and had died in 1928 without it.

Needless to say there was no concerted plan to snub him. But it happened that no English writer wrote to congratulate him, except Hugh Walpole.

Red Lewis was an intensely sensitive man, and he brooded over this silence.

SELF-DOUBT

He had himself the greatest respect for English literature, and had many close friendships with English writers. He was not a conceited man. Indeed, he was full of self-doubt.

He felt no resentment against the English writers who had failed to congratulate him, but he did feel that maybe he was not a good writer after all, and that the award was perhaps, ridiculous.

His work was still full of intelligence, and it was always noble, but it became diffuse, and lacked self-confidence; and he became more and more isolated and withdrawn.

He had married as his second wife, Dorothy Thompson, the writer on international affairs, who was handsome, brilliant, and like her predecessor, a superb housewife and a devoted wife.

He was pedantically truthful and in many ways neat as an old maid. But in many other ways he was quite wild.

He found it difficult to conform to the habits of Society in the simplest matters of daily routine. Guests, whom he had asked to luncheon would arrive and find him about to go to bed because his day had got muddled up some weeks before and he had never got things straight.

ODD, LONELY

He would be found in an hotel suite in New York, having breakfast at dinner-time with a large company of people whom he had collected during the past two days, whose names he probably did not know, and who seemed to have been living with him ever since their first meeting.

He grew odder and odder, and lonelier and lonelier.

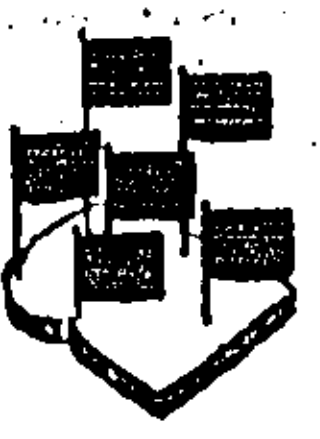
It is heart-rending to think that he gave the world a very great deal, but got very little out of the world.

The world might say that that was not his fault, but it was not Red Lewis's fault either. It was the fault of his strange constitution, which made him better than most people in some ways, and far more difficult in others.

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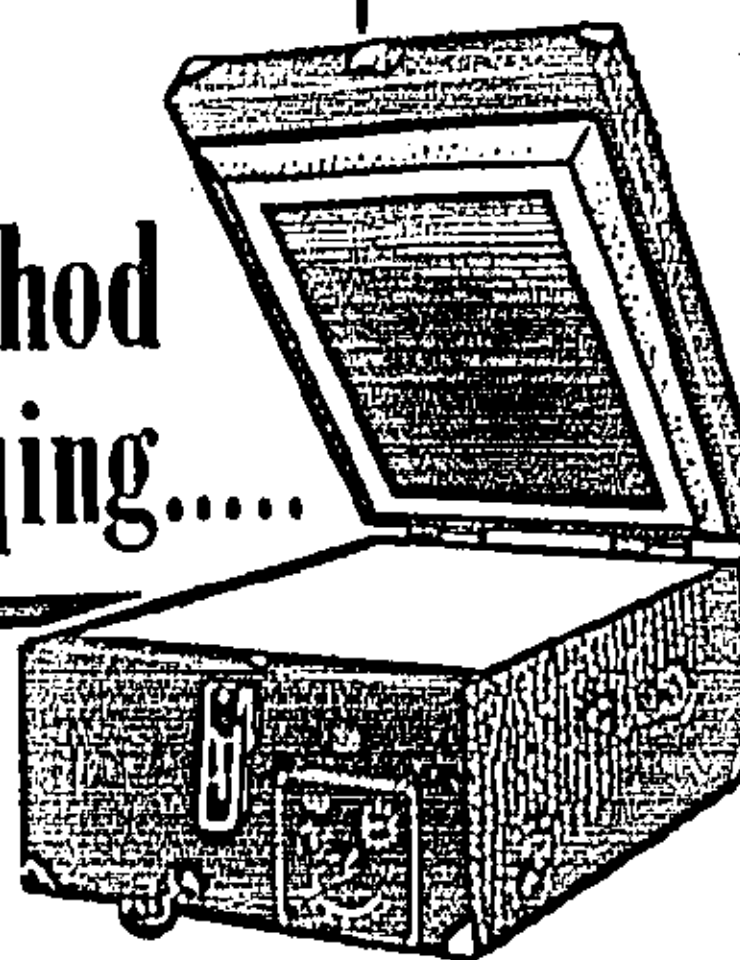
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People do odd things when they're asleep

By A Special Correspondent

"I KISSED my wife goodnight in bed and put my arms around her neck... when I awoke she didn't seem to be breathing... I called 'Mildred!'... then it dawned on me she was dead."

A 29-year-old machinist gave that testimony to a Supreme Court jury in Newcastle, when he was charged with murdering his wife while she slept, by strangling her.

After they heard the man's insistent plea that he, too, was asleep when his wife died, the jury retired and pondered for an hour, then returned a verdict of guilty of manslaughter.

The judge emphasised that it was a merciful view, told the man he had "sinned grievously," sentenced him to seven years.

During the trial Government Medical Officer C. W. England admitted to defence counsel that there have been strange cases where people in their sleep have performed extraordinary deeds, returned to their beds, and known nothing about it.

Crimes of violence committed while sleeping are rare, but research has proved that they have occurred.

Everyone has heard stories of sleep-walkers who stepped out of upper-storey windows and either killed or injured themselves.

But there have been cases in various parts of the world of murderous attacks being made by sleep-walkers, or somnambulists, while sound asleep—some of them in recent years.

Battered Her

AN Arkansas poultry farmer called William Pollard rose from his bed one night in 1947, went to his only daughter's bedroom, and battered her with a flashlight torch until she was dead.

His family found him standing over the body, arm upraised like a mythical figure of vengeance—and still asleep.

They woke him up. In America in 1945 a 10-year-old girl, sleep-walking in the house, encountered her father and shot him dead.

Sixty years ago a French detective called Ladru investigated a murder which had the whole of the French Sureté baffled.

A man had been shot and killed on the beach at Le

Havre, and Ladru, holidaying at the spot after a nervous breakdown, was called in to help locate the slayer.

Ladru, a brilliant detective, went to work scientifically on the case. It had almost beaten him when, examining the plaster casts of footprints found near the scene of the crime, he learnt the man had a toe missing.

Ladru himself had a too missing, and his discovery opened a terrible possibility in his mind.

For days he lived in fear of what each new clue would lead to; but eventually had to admit to himself that what he had discovered was true—the killer was himself!

He had shot the man while sleep-walking.

Ladru presented his solution of the case to his superiors, an inquiry was conducted, he was exonerated.

But he resigned, and, although he lived for 60 years after the incident, he never slept in any bed but his own, and he kept his room specially locked and barred at night to prevent him leaving before he awoke.

These "active dreams" are, as a rule, totally forgotten on awakening.

Sing And Shout

SOME sleepers sing, talk, or shout; others fling their arms about or sit up in bed.

In many cases some of the sense organs are also awake, and the somnambulist may see and avoid objects or may hear and answer questions.

But usually the answers are rambling or incoherent.

Somnambulists often rise from their beds in the night and do routine tasks. Some go to the kitchen and wash dishes, light a fire in the grate (it may be midsummer when they do it), and return without knowledge, when they wake, of what they have done in the night.

Frequently they go along dangerous paths, executing delicate movements without putting a foot wrong.

Sleep-walking is described medically as an imperfect form of sleep, in which the muscular apparatus and the portion of the brain controlling it remain awake while the intellectual faculties are buried in slumber.

During the war a young Canadian soldier was sleeping in the Glasgow Express, which was travelling at 80 miles an hour.

During the trip he rose in his sleep, opened the carriage door, and stepped off the train into space.

His comrades heard the door slam, had the train stopped, searched for him without success.

The next day he was found asleep, an unhurt, in a vacant house a few miles from where he had left the train.

He remembered nothing of his incredible adventure.

An American soldier during the war rose from his bed one night, dressed, went to a gun emplacement, removed the tarpaulin covering, loaded and fired the gun.

It normally took three men to do that job. The detonation woke everybody for miles

around, but the sleeping soldier returned to his bed and slept soundly till morning, when he remembered nothing of the occurrence.

There are numerous authenticated cases in medical books of women who had babies while asleep and awoke after the birth was over. William Shakespeare, a wide-awake playwright who didn't miss much in the way of natural phenomena when looking for atmosphere, created one of the classic dramatic passages in all drama when he wrote Lady Macbeth's sleep-walking scene.

Great Perturbation

EARLIER in the play, after he had murdered Duncan, Macbeth couldn't sleep. He thought he heard a voice say "...sleep no more! Macbeth, does murder sleep."

Later, when Lady Macbeth's conscience is pricking her, a gentleman reports having seen the lady

"...rise from her bed, throw her nightgown upon her, unlock her closet, take forth paper, fold it, write upon it, read it, afterwards seal it, and return again to bed; yet all this while in a most fast sleep."

The doctor in the play comments: "A great perturbation in Nature, to receive at once the benefit of sleep and do the effects of watching!"

On the subject of sleep-walking, as on most subjects when one consults the Bard, it is rather difficult to find a newer way of summing the matter up.

A great perturbation in Nature, it is indeed.

SATURDAY SHOPPING EXPEDITION IN THE BIG WORLD OVERSEAS... No. 1: A little place called Bangor

Mrs. Smalltown finds it good

by EVELYN WEBBER

BANGOR, Pennsylvania.

LIFE is good here. Winnie Jones, formerly of Cornwall, England, can't get over it.

For though Bangor (pop. 6,000) is just a tiny slate-mining and mill town, half the population of its small-town namesake in North Wales, Winnie, who works in the Strand Department Store on Main Street, marvels that its people are so well off.

Says she: "They'd never believe in Cornwall that ordinary people could have so much."

But Bangor, founded by a Welshman, is no different from any of the 58,000 small towns in America (where 63 percent of all the country's families live). It could be Paducah, Kentucky, or Little Rock, Arkansas—the living's the same. The towns even look alike.

They all have one shopping street, inevitably called Main, a savings bank building, and some fac-

tories at the edge of the town. And one newspaper. The people read that eagerly.

Typical shopping advertisement: "Nine-piece walnut finished bedroom suites, including mattresses, for \$39 5s. 8d." "A big free turkey with purchase of refrigerator or sewing machine" (\$69 5s. 8d. and \$31 19s. 3d. respectively). "Real leather handbags, 17s. 10d."

Here in Bangor an experienced housewife, Mrs. Beatrice Sobel, told me what life is like in "Small Town, U.S.A." With her two young children she has an average American family. Her husband earns about \$20 a week, the average American wage.

No hick towns

MRS Sobel was shopping for imported French hats and gloves for herself, dungarees and work-boots for her husband. "There aren't any hick towns here, any more," she said, "we can buy everything."

What do they buy? Out of \$114 5s. 8d. a year spent on the family's clothes, Mrs. Sobel gets four dresses and suits for herself, two pairs of shoes, ten pairs of nylons, and a new hat

Best-sellers

ANOTHER 1,100,000 homes were begun in the first nine months of 1950 (more than the total for the whole of record-breaking 1949), so their newspapers continually advertise the latest in household equipment.

Current best-sellers are television sets, electric ranges, new refrigerators, washing machines, and vacuum cleaners.

Families spend on these and furniture about \$200 a year. They buy \$22 10s. worth of

curtains and slipcovers, 22 worth of new crockery and tableware.

Walk into any kitchen here; you will recognise it. It is just like those in the magazines—bright, apple-green curtains, gleaming labour-saving gadgets, and plenty of food in the larder.

"Small Town, U.S.A." eats well—things like country ham steaks, and bread so rich you eat it with a spoon. Milk, steak, and eggs are cheaper than in the city. They are more available, and freezing enables a whole hog or side of beef to be bought at half retail prices and stored for months.

Weekly expenditure on food is about \$7 17s. That includes \$1 1s. 6d. for fish and about \$1 10s. meat and poultry; 8s. 6d. for 6lb. sugar and sweets; 2s. 6d. for 28 pints of milk, cream, ice-cream, and cheese; 14s. 7d. for fats and oils, including 2lb. of butter.

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THIS DRIVE MAY CHECK COMMUNISM

By GEOFFREY JENKINS

AFRICA has become the prospector's paradise of the Atlantic Pact Powers. Led by British and United States scientists, the biggest-ever rush, in peace or in war, is taking place to open up fresh fields of minerals to meet the combined needs of the rearmament and industrial programmes of the West.

Africa is rapidly becoming the Western Powers' arsenal. Now comes the announcement that waste gold ore from South Africa is to yield big quantities of uranium for Great Britain and the United States of America. An agreement between the two countries and the Union of South Africa has been signed after some years of extensive research.

The Western democracies have, by common consent, turned to Africa for their supplies where, although great deposits of chrome, manganese, copper, corundum, mica, iron, asbestos and vermiculite are being worked, thousands of square miles have never seen the prospector's pick.

Using aerial mapping, geophysical surveys and "straight" prospecting, men are scouring every possible

resource of strategic metals from the muddy waters of the Niger to the burning deserts of South-West Africa, from the lush forests of Tanganyika to the high plains of Kenya.

The drive is focussed on two main centres—one, led by the Americans, in Southern Africa, with headquarters in Pretoria; the other, led by engineers of the British Colonial Development Corporation, from Tanganyika.

The go-getting Americans, searching everywhere from the legendary copper mountains in S.W. Africa to uranium mines in the Congo, are offering handsome contracts over a long period to meet America's stock-piling policy.

How much this "open purse" policy has paid is shown by the fact that they have sent up South Africa's strategic minerals production by more than 24,000,000.

The British drive is directed towards discovering big coal and iron fields in Tanganyika and in adjoining Nyasaland. In Nyasaland exist extensive coal deposits awaiting exploitation.

These coalfields would provide a valuable source of raw material for the extraction of oil and petroleum, a project which is being actively followed up in the territory and in Southern Rhodesia.

Side by side with the exploration of iron and coal deposits in Tanganyika, with the object of establishing a steel industry there, intense activity is going on in opening up lead deposits, as well as the investigation of the territory's nickel and chrome fields.

British experts are also exploring the possibilities of nickel and chrome production in the high mountains of Basutoland, while the copper-cobalt deposits of the foothills of Uganda are also being probed.

There is no limit to this development. It extends to Northern Nigeria, where tin deposits, in view of the booming price of this metal, are receiving close attention. Essential minerals for alloys—antimony, columbite and beryllium (an H-bomb metal)—are coming in increasing quantities from scattered places in Southern Africa.

The French and Belgians, to a lesser extent, are joining in this quest for strategic materials. In the Belgian Congo uranium has helped to bring post-war prosperity to Belgium.

The chief problems to be overcome in tackling the development of Africa's potentials are lack of water and lack of manpower. The latter problem will handicap development for some years.

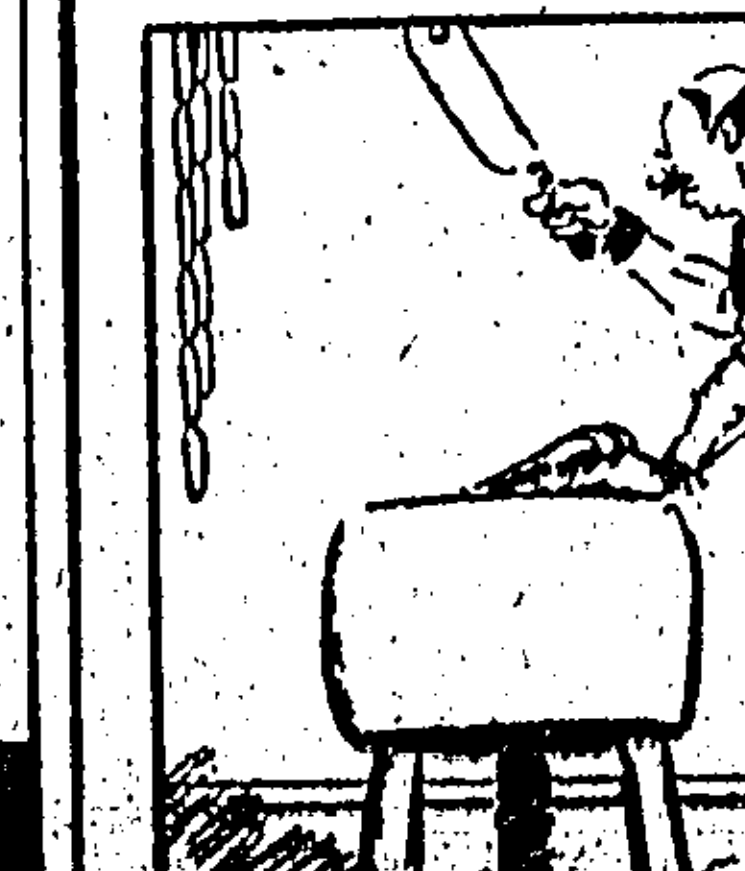
Undoubtedly this drive for production has stimulated the colonial development plans of the Western Powers having colonies in Africa. To this extent it has given hundreds of thousands of natives hope for higher living standards.

In this way—and probably in this way only—the threat of Communism in alliance with nationalism be kept in abeyance in Africa.

Thus in this huge continent the Western Powers are building up stabler living conditions at the same time that they are consolidating their war potential.

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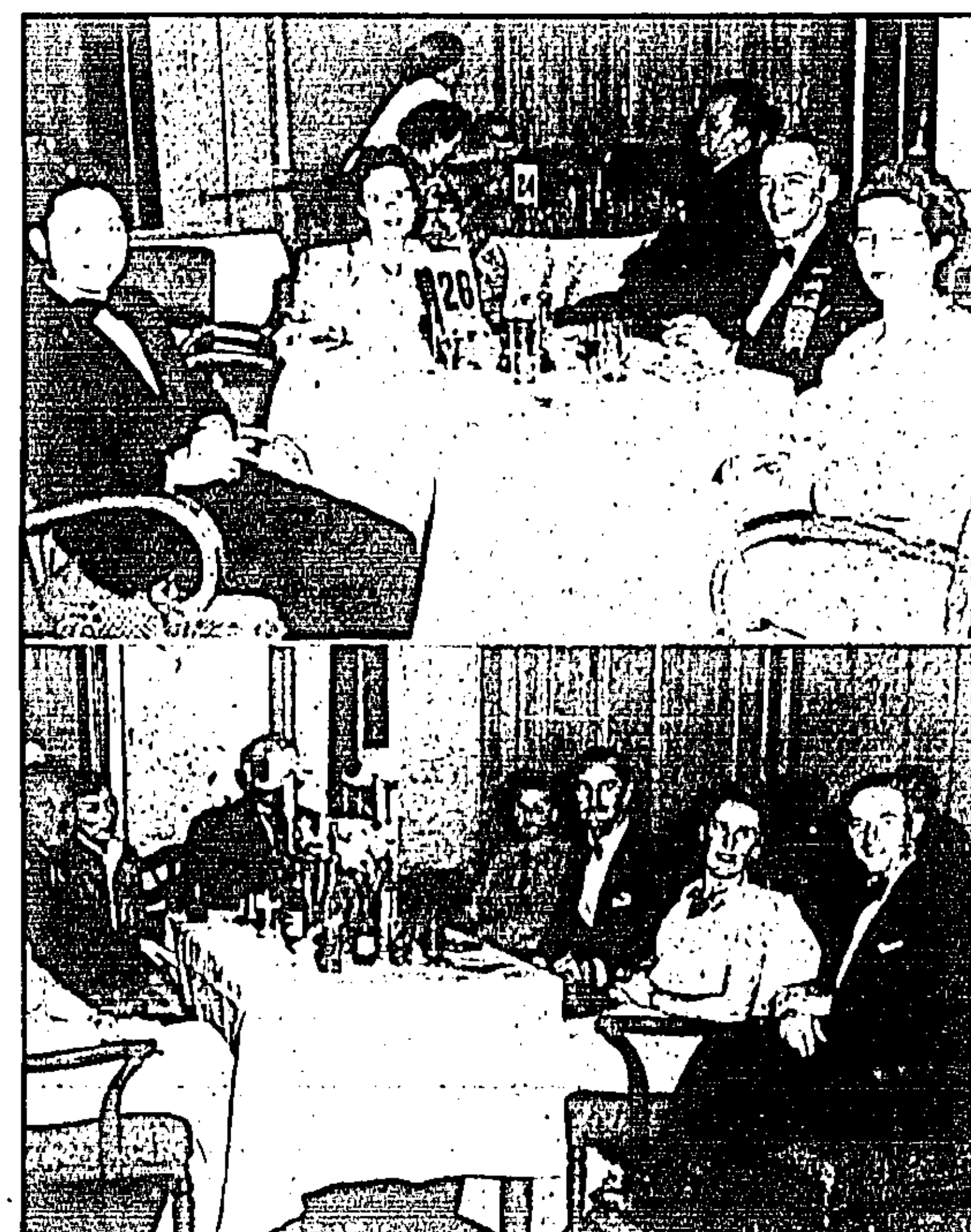
MR Ken Chinkwong Kwok and his bride, the former Miss Lisa Li, as they appeared when they left the Registry of Marriages after their wedding on Monday. On the right the newlyweds are shown greeting well-wishers at the reception given in the Hongkong Hotel. The bride is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Michel T. C. Li of Tientsin, and the groom the son of Mr and Mrs George S. Kwok of Hongkong. (Staff Photographer)



THE new Board of Directors of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals. Picture was taken after they assumed office on Monday. In centre is the new Chairman, Mr Ma Kam-chan. (Staff Photographer)



RIGHT: Scene at the Women's International Club's dance for the Forces last week. These dances are held fortnightly at the Club rooms in Gloucester Building. (Staff Photographer)



TWO parties at the Rotary Club's Ladies Night, which was held at the Hongkong Hotel this week. Mr and Mrs J. C. McDouall are seen in upper picture; among those in lower print are Mr and Mrs L. Goldman. (Staff Photographer)



MR H. N. Williamson, Principal of Queen's College, reading his report at the first speech day held in the new College building in Causeway Bay last week. HE the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, distributed the prizes. (Staff Photographer)



A HAPPY group at the third birthday party of Vicky Hatchwell, daughter of Mr and Mrs F. J. Hatchwell.



MR T. O. Tso, Senior Superintendent of Police (Reserve), carrying out an inspection of Police Reservists at Happy Valley last Sunday. It was a very smart turn-out. (Staff Photographer)



GROUP photographed outside the Registry on Monday after the wedding of Mr Auyeung Tso-ping, of the South China Morning Post, and Miss Woo Chui-kiu. (Staff Photographer)

LEFT: Miss Margaret Higgins, correspondent of the New York Herald-Tribune, who rose to world renown for her courageous and truthful reporting of the war in Korea, photographed this week in Hongkong on a flying visit. Miss Higgins was born in this Colony. (Staff Photographer)



BELOW: Bridal party at St Teresa's Church on Monday after the wedding of Mr Eric Randall and Miss Lena Lim. (Staff Photographer)



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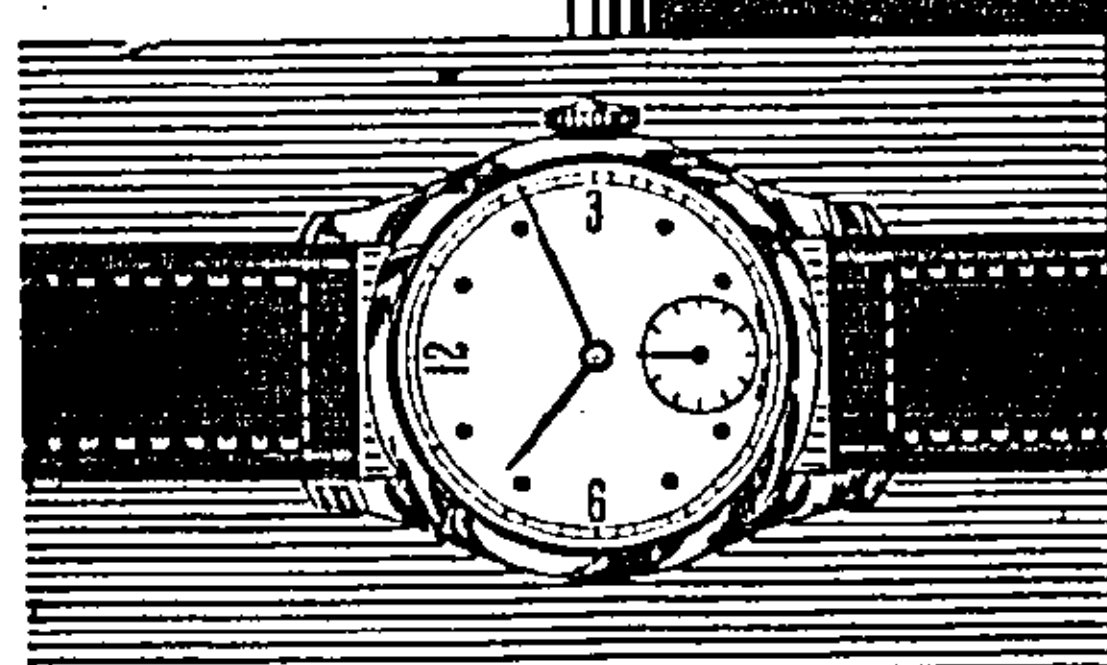
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If I had my way I would stick this picture in a million homes... SAYS



The Senora's picture is alive with fashion points...

Your Sewing Scrapbook



by
Mary Brooks Picken

Jacket-Blouse Strikes A New High



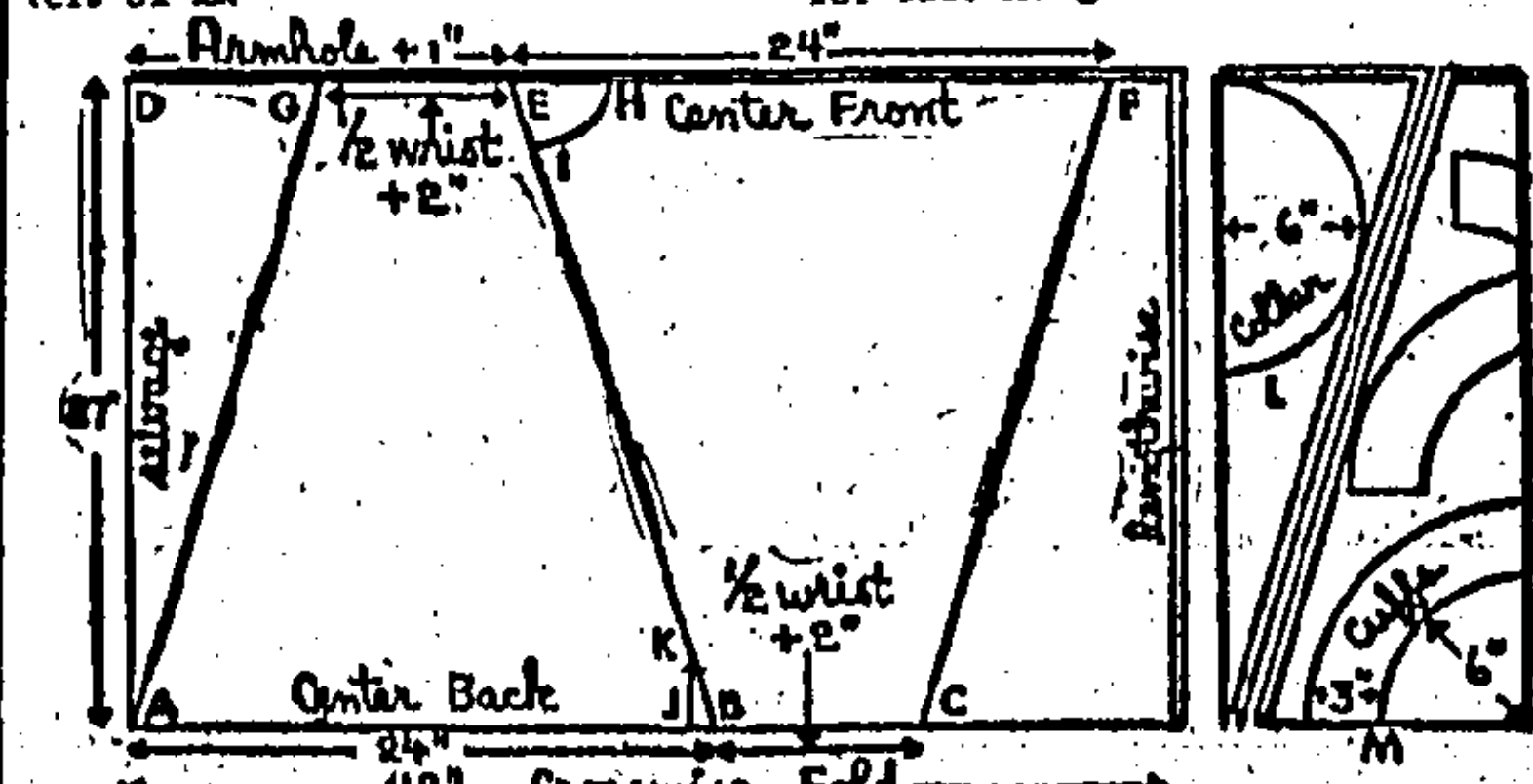
BLOUSE-LIKE jackets are made in a variety of fabrics—unlined. Easy to make, they're effective with blouse and skirt as well as over dresses.

Make them of flannel, wool, crepe, satin, velvet, corduroy, or of rayon-like wools. Ours is of rayon taffeta. Its stripe gives it body, and fabric its swish. 1 1/2 yds. of 42" taffeta plus thread and a button.

Preliminary Steps
To Cut: Straighten fabric. Fold crosswise edges together. Pin selvages; chalk out jacket thusly:

Place A on fold at left; B 24" to right of A. C is wrist measurement plus 2" to right of B. Place D at upper left-hand corner.

E—armhole measurement plus 1" to right of D and F—is 24" to right of E. G is wrist plus 2" to left of E.



Draw chalk lines, using yard stick, from A to G, E to B, F to C. This gives centre back on fold and centre front on crosswise edges.

Measure 1/4 neck to right of E for H and in from E 1/6 neck plus 1/2" for I. Draw a curve, H to I.

Measure 1/2" to left of B for J and up from B 1/6 neck plus 1/2" for K. Draw curve, J to K. Cut from A to G, B to E, C to F. Then cut out neckline.

Use end pieces along selvages for collar and cuffs, as diagram shows.

To Make: Seam shoulders together, point I meeting K and B meeting E. Stitch underarm of sleeve in from C-G 1/3 of distance C to F. Do this on both sleeves.

To finish centre front and bottom edge, turn edge 1/4" and stitch, then 3/4" and slip-stitch it or use the new blind stitch machine attachment to hold edges nicely.

Collar and Cuffs
For collar (L), cut two 6" half circles on selvage. For cuffs (M), make 6" arc from corner. Make 3" wide second arc beyond first. Cut cuff linings and cuffs, piecing as shown.

Fold each collar piece in half. Stitch on selvage. Turn right-side out. Join to neckline, concealing neck seam inside curved line of collar.

Seam outside edges of cuff. Turn right-side out. Place cuff ends at top sleeve seam and conceal bottom edge of sleeve inside cuff.

Use a swivel pin-on button for fastening at neckline.

AME ICHARDIS

SHE'S creeping up to top place among London's most celebrated best-dressed.

You hear her name mentioned alongside the Duchess of Kent's; her dress compared with Mme. Massigli's; her hats, her furs, her figure, and her flair for elegance discussed along with Margaret Leighton or Chiquita Astor or the Duchess of Sutherland.

The newcomer who threatens to reach top place as the most elegant woman in London this year is the Senora Mendoza y de la Torre, 28-year-old wife of the Cuban Ambassador. And she has, in my view, everything it takes to get there.

It takes, of course, money. But the money alone is no good—you must have the figure, too.

It takes a succession of exquisite outfits—but the clothes are no good unless you have the chance to wear them.

And even with the money, and the figure, and the clothes, and the opportunity to be seen in them—you could still look a little dull. All really elegant women add a personal dash of their own.

Posing specially for John French in her favourite evening dress, the Senora makes a picture that is alive with fashion points. It's a lesson in elegance that I'd have every woman keep before her eyes.

1 How to wear black with white... which is to mass solid black against plain white and not dot it around like patches on a Dalmatian dog. Her bodice is black to the fingertips, her skirt white to the hem.

2 How to wear accessories... which is not to pin two red roses at your neck. Two black roses are not only less obvious, they're more successful.

3 How to mix two fabrics in one dress... which is to make a bodice of black velvet and a skirt of layered white chiffon.

4 How to wear pearls... which is not to wear as many as a circus rider, nor so few they might as well not be there. Two rows with drop earrings to match are better than either.

5 How to do your hair... which is short but not cropped with a heart-

shaped wave from the centre parting.

6 How to manage a topless or jacketed affair which is to make the jacket look so much part of the dress that it's a surprise to find it comes off.

THEY MEAN

★ WHY DON'T they say what they mean—especially at cocktail parties?

"He's an old friend of mine" means I've met him twice before.

"Of course I remember you" means I hadn't a clue.

"He's been longing to meet you" means he's just noticed you.

"Do come, and meet John" means he's over there in a corner by himself.

"I loathe cocktail parties. I never know why I come" means I go to as many as I can.

"No, thanks, I never drink midday" means I drink an awful lot at night.

"She's an old flame of mine" means I once made a play for her.

"I'm there practically every night" means I go once a month.

"She's one of the witliest women I know" means she makes a good crack occasionally.

"We've known each other since school days" means they haven't met since.

(London Express Service.)

Swimsuit Preview



Two bathing beauties give us a glimpse in London of what the smart teen-ager will wear for the beach in 1951. The swimsuit of knitted rayon lastex has panels of red and white and the odd design is almost as eye-catching as the faces and figures of the gals. (Acme).

**FASHION TIPS
FOR 1951**

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By **EILEEN ANDERSON**

NO matter how hard we may try to improve our characters in this year which has just begun, our resolution must be to make our face value good.

Three specialists suggest these resolutions to enhance the appearance:

A leading designer says: "Make 1951 your most 'careful' fashion year. By that, I mean careful eating, because no amount of tailoring will camouflage a figure

spoiled by too many starchy foods. Careful exercise and above all, careful choice of clothes.

"A suit, a dress, a jumper or an odd skirt should be bought only because it fits in with your existing wardrobe, because it can be teamed with other garments, because it suits you, and because you need it."

This designer suggests you should study the latest trends—then buy them in the modified form which best suits your type and figure. And never wear any style or colour unless it suits you, no matter how "fashionable" it may be.

Short Hair Best

Short and simple, like the smartest coiffures, is a well-known hair stylist's resolution for the woman who wants her hair to look perfect in 1951.

Says this stylist, the quickest way to perfection is complete cleanliness. No hairdresser can turn lank, uncared-for hair into a thing of beauty. But he can work wonders with tresses that glow from regular washing with a mild shampoo and gentle brushing with a soft brush.

The shampoo is all-important. Choose a mild one without an overfrothy lather (a heavy lather often indicates the presence of ingredients which may harm the hair.) Use it regularly once in seven or ten days. Your hair will then be in excellent condition, easily arranged in the current style.

5-Minute Formula

From a specialist in a famous beauty salon comes a resolution which pays big dividends: Give yourself five or ten minutes' beauty treatment each night and morning.

Few women are so busy or so tired that they cannot devote a few minutes to face and hands at the beginning and end of the day. Regular attention is worth far more to the skin than spasmodic mammoth "clean-ups" after weeks of neglect.

To start the beauty year properly have a professional "facial" just to see how such things should be done and to judge the tonic effect on both skin and morale! Then carry on the good work at home. Cleaning the skin thoroughly with cream every morning; follow with bracing use of astringent lotion; wash with super-fatted soap and warm water at night before putting in a good skin food; use a smoothing lotion on your hard-worked hands.

**I REMEMBER
I WAS WEARING...**

No. 2 in a Romantic New Album... by **Robb**



**Today:
Diana Wynyard**

COLLECTORS of other people's favourite memories have a rich field for research in the early recollections of Diana Wynyard. They are perfect at the period and the place (1932 Hollywood) and mellowing nicely.

It was the first night of the film "Cavalcade." Not long ago a cable from Pittsburg... I'm surprised I remember it all so

clearly. Hollywood has a habit of jumbling up one's memories, says Miss Wynyard, some 19 years later.

"I suppose most of Hollywood was there. I remember walking up and down a microphone and murmuring sweet words in it... and according to the dear old traditions of the place I had to leave my footmark on a concrete stone. But do you know, I believe they've taken up the old footmarks to make room for the new ones. And I remember I was wearing a grey dress. I've since learnt I should never wear grey."

Robb draws Diana Wynyard as she looked that night. The frock is a cool affair in heavy silk. (It has since joined the wardrobe of some provincial repertory.)

But isn't this true of everybody?—the memory of dreadful detail is what lasts longest.

"Yes, the thing I most remember was that my dress was only just kept up by sticking plaster."

DRORILLA DEYFUS.
London Express Service

PRACTICAL HOMECRAFT

WESTERN TYPE BUNGALOW

By JOAN O'SULLIVAN

OUT in America where the West begins this type of house is popular. The picture window and combination frame-brick construction give the familiar bungalow-type building a brand new look. This is the little cousin of the renowned ranch house.

Here's a home that meets the needs of a small family. It's well designed to provide adequate space for dining, sleeping and living quarters.



Like many of the new houses today, it offers a combination living-dining area. The living room is L-shaped, so that the dining section can be screened off or, if preferred, treated as an integral part of the room. A natural fireplace is set against the long wall, making it convenient to both living and dining areas. Plenty of light is provided by the picture window, which looks out on the front grounds, and two smaller windows next to the fireplace.

If the house is built without a basement, the plans provide for attractive built-in shelves along the side wall. With a basement, this space is taken up by two closets—one opening off the dining area, the other off the hallway just outside the room.

The kitchen is larger in the house with a basement, but both plans provide the utmost in efficiency by utilizing the L-shaped design for appliances and cabinets. The back entrance to the house is to the left of the kitchen.

There are two bedrooms in today's home. Both feature a charming corner arrangement of windows. Each has a good-sized closet.



The bath features a towel storage unit and, in the hallway outside it, there's a linen closet. With a basement, the house comprises 16,710 cubic feet; without a basement, 12,370 cubic feet.

To arrive at a general estimate of the construction cost of this house, ascertain construction costs per cubic foot, then multiply this by the number of cubic feet given here. The result should be within 10 percent either way of the cost.

How To Stop That Nosebleed

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

WHERE it is profuse, nosebleed is often a terrifying experience for the patient and sometimes causes difficulty for the doctor. Fortunately, most nosebleeds will stop of themselves. In the ordinary case, a little patience plus a little pressure on the nostril is all that is needed. There are, however, certain types of nosebleed which require prompt medical attention.

The most difficult to control are those which occur as the result of some generalized disease, such as high blood pressure, or leukemia, a disease in which there is a great increase of white cells in the blood. Attacks of nosebleed may also occur during an infectious disorder, such as pneumonia, typhoid fever, measles, or scarlet fever. Tumors of the nose, as well as severe colds, may be responsible for bleeding.

Subject to Nosebleed

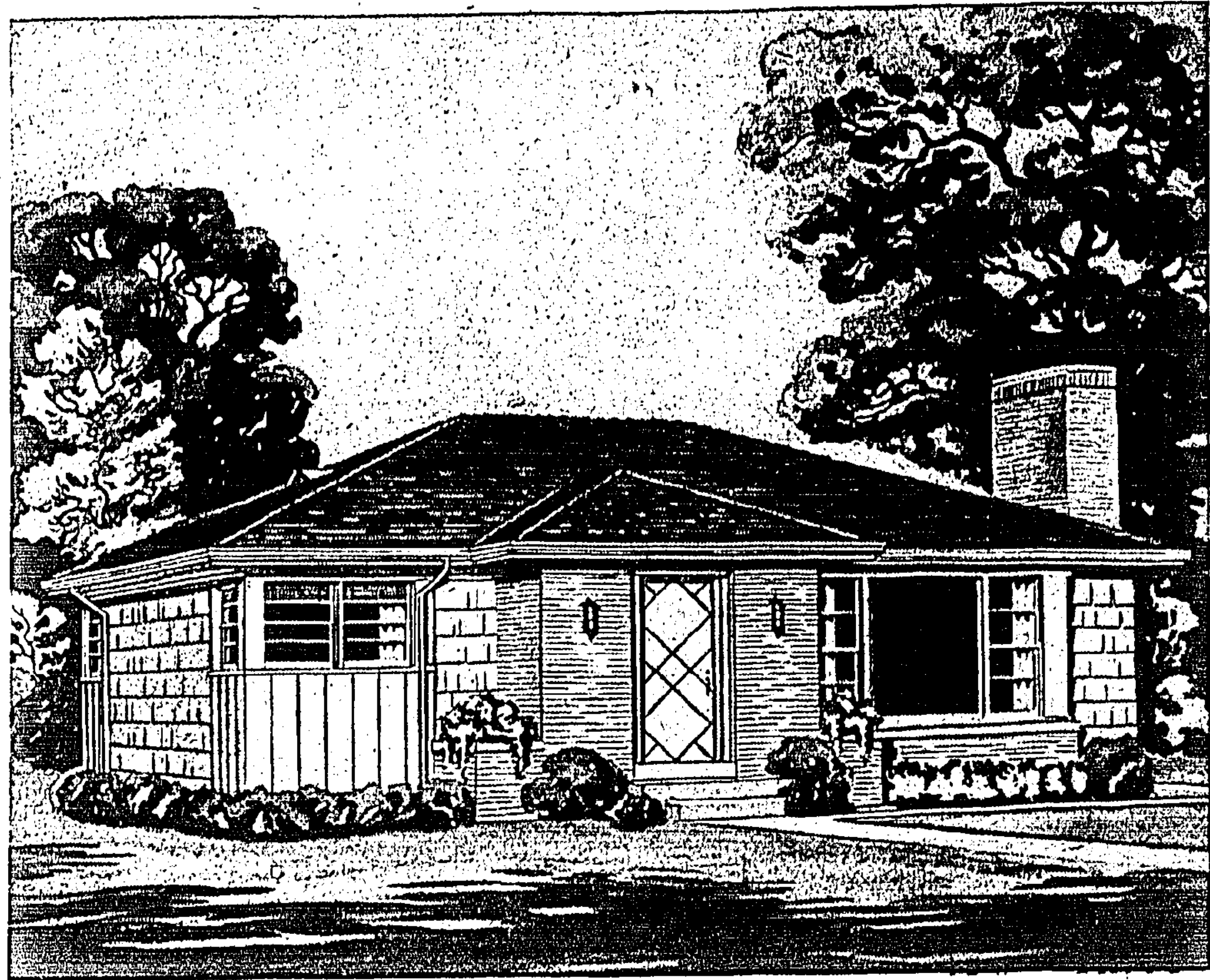
Workers with certain types of chemicals are subject to nosebleed, due to the action of the chemicals on the lining membrane of the nose. Over-strenuous blowing of the nose often brings on nosebleed and, of course, a blow on the nose may cause it.

By far the most common cause of nosebleed is picking the nose with the fingernail. In these instances, the bleeding usually comes from a single small spot known as Kiesselbach's area of the nasal septum. This type of bleeding is quickly controlled by pressure on the nostrils or by inserting a piece of cotton soaked in epinephrine or hydrogen peroxide into the nose.

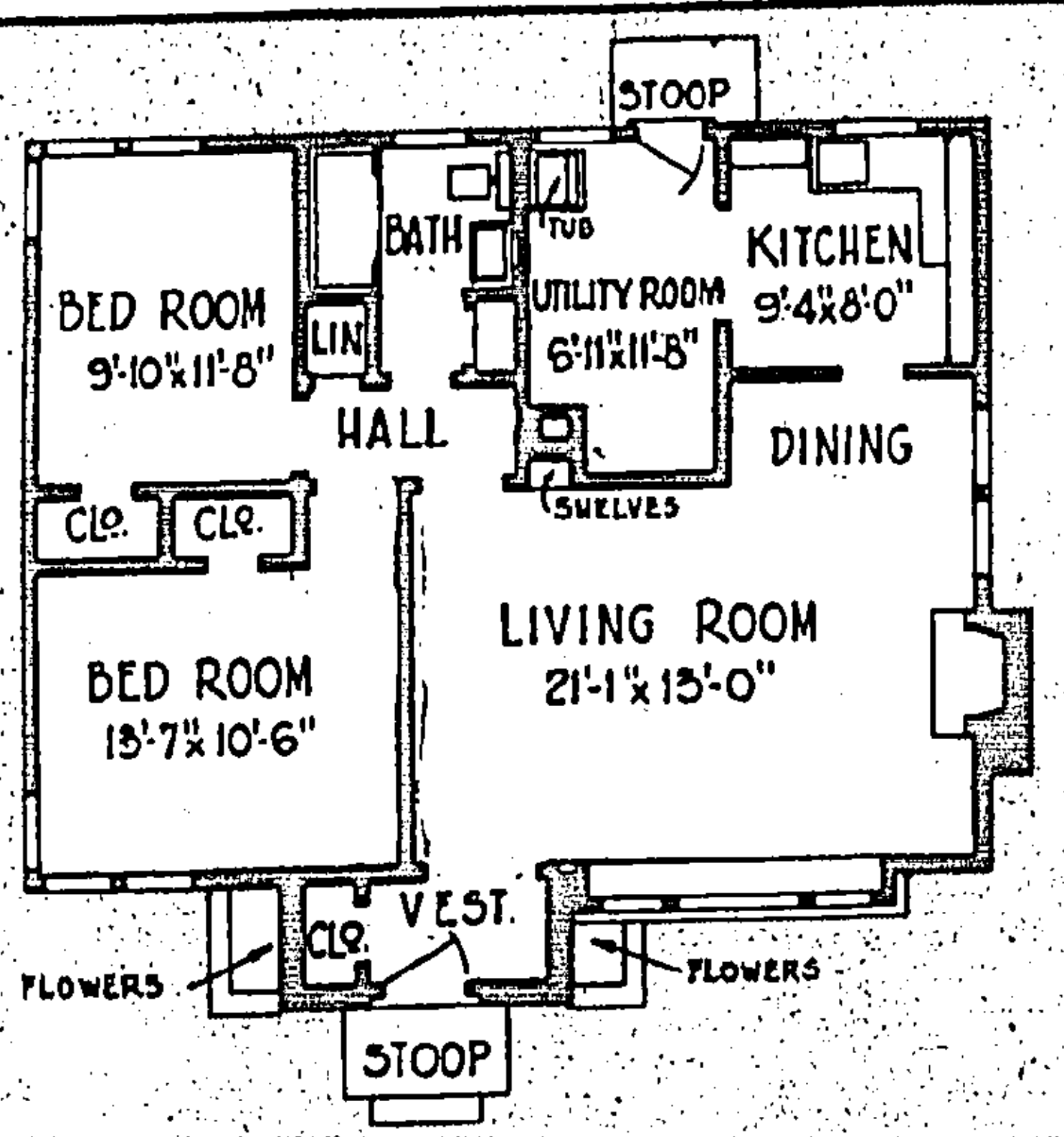
Control Bleeding

In other cases, control of the bleeding is usually a matter of locating the point from which the blood is coming and then using electrocoagulation to eliminate the bleeding area. An alternative method is to put a packing in the nose.

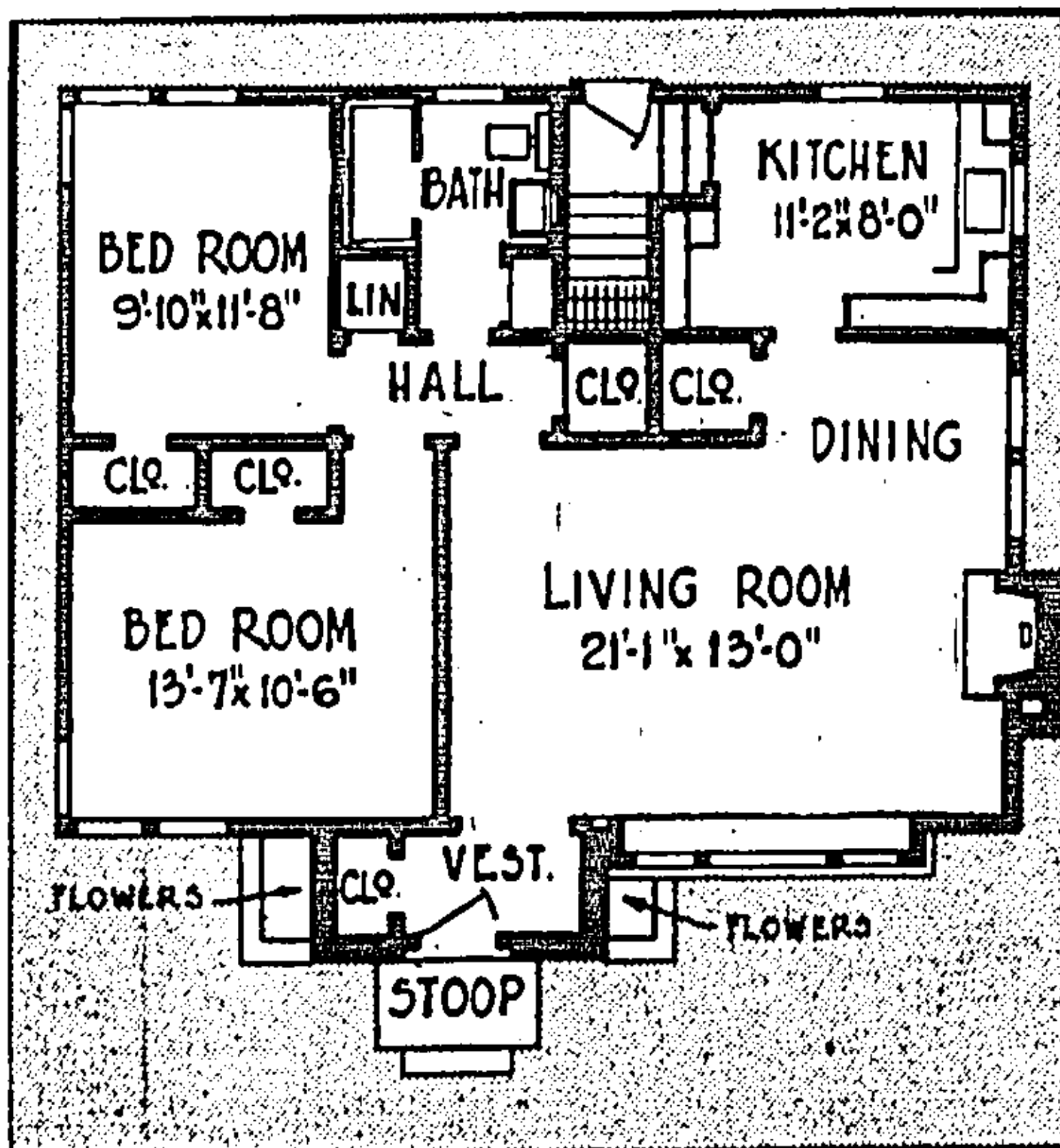
Of course, when repeated attacks of nosebleed occur, a careful search for the cause should always be carried out because nosebleed may often be a symptom of some severe general disorder.



HERE IT IS—that little house in the country everyone dreams of owning some day. It's a bungalow done in the modern manner. The large living room picture window and the two small high bedroom windows add a new note to the frame exterior with its brick trim.



THE STREAMLINED KITCHEN is larger when the house is built with a basement. In addition, basement plan calls for more closet space.



WITHOUT A BASEMENT, room is provided for a utility area next to kitchen. Both plans offer a large combined living-dining space.

HAIR STYLES ARE GOING BACK TO WAVES OF THE 1920s

HAIR styles are changing again. Hairdressers predict that by the spring there will be a revolutionary revival of the early 1920s.

Until this month waves have been completely out for fashionable women. But there is no sign of long hair returning yet.

"The new styles are very similar to those of half a century ago, but we are trying to make them more natural, and at the same time more sophisticated," a leading West End hairdresser said.

"Off-the-face hair has been in vogue many years, but the new wavy modes accentuate facial structure and personality far better."

Also out are chignons and switches. Now hair is carefully cut to make it appear thicker when necessary.

Many experiments are being made with colour. Instead of having their whole head "blonded" young girls are being advised to have half an inch to two inches of the ends of their hair bleached to ashen shades.

(London Express Service)



Eat Plenty of Fresh Fruit During the Winter Months

"OVER-RICH foods and too many of them help to create a body condition that induces colds especially at this season."

"Quite right, Madame," remarked the Chef. "I have a theory that the reason so many persons eat so much rich food is because they naturally need more energy to keep warm in cold weather. And, because the food tastes so good, they often eat too much."

"They don't realise, Chef, that plenty of fresh fruit also is necessary to keep the body in condition so food energy can be utilised. Apples, for instance, contain fruit sugar, and vitamins A and C. And still more important, they contribute valuable bulk and a substance called pectin, which is a vegetable gelatin that helps to induce free intestinal elimination. Apples are very reasonable in price. Research shows that the nutritive values do not deteriorate with storage, so they are one of the most helpful winter fruits."

DINNER

French Onion Soup in Bowls
3-Way Hamburgers Tossed Salad
Deep Dish Apple-Cranberry Pie
Coffee, Tea or Milk

All Measurements Are Level Recipes Serve Four

3-WAY HAMBURGERS

These may be made of ground beef or ground sausage meat. In either case, form the meat into good-sized flat patties and broil or pan-fry 8 to 10 min., or until done. Serve on toasted buns which have been cut in 3 slices, toasted and buttered. To arrange, place a meat cake on each of the bottom slices. Top with the centre slices, which may also be spread with table mustard if desired. On each of these put a thin slice of tomato with 2 small slices crisp bacon; or use fine-chopped vegetable slaw, or well-drained pickled beets. Finish with the top bun slices. If desired, the hamburgers may be put together with the bun slices, and the family or guests may finish them as desired. In this case, provide a tray containing an assortment of sliced tomatoes, vegetable slaw, relish, pickled beets, chili, cheese spread, etc. Good for a party, too.

TINNED BUYS

"EVERY good Chef keeps on hand a selection of tinned vegetables," remarked the Chef, as he stacked an assortment onto the pantry shelf. "I found two especially good values at the market today, tinned beets and tinned carrots, at the lowest price I have ever seen for these tinned vegetables."

"And they have the same vitamin and mineral values as

the fresh vegetables when cooked in water. Of course the liquid in the tin should be used, because like the water in which fresh vegetables are cooked, it contains minerals and vitamins. With beets the liquid can be seasoned with a little sugar and vinegar, salt and pepper, and thickened with 1 tsp. cornstarch blended with 1 tsp. water to each half cup. This produces the famous Harvard sweet-sour beets."

"I like to use the same method also with tinned carrots, Madame. Only in this case I add 2 or 3 whole cloves which have an affinity with carrots."

The following menu shows how tinned vegetables and other tinned foods may be combined and enlivened with fresh foods and interesting seasonings into a most appetising meal.

Tomato Soup Croutons

Tinned Tomato Soup Croutons
Chicken Pot Pie
Harvard Tinned Beets
Mixed Tinned Vegetable Salad
Custard Pudding
Tinned Peach Sauce
Coffee, Tea or Milk
All Measurements Are Level Recipes Serve Four

CHICKEN POT PIE

Clean, singe, and tweeze out the pin feathers from a 3 to 4 lb. fowl. Then scrub with soapy water and rinse with fresh water. Simmer-broil until tender in salted water to cover. Or pressure-cook at 15 lbs. with 1½ c. liquid. Allow 35 min. for a 3 lb. bird; 40 min. if it weighs 4 lb. When done, cool, remove the skin and put it through the chopper; cut the meat from the bones. To the meat add the chopped onion, 2 c. of ¼" cubes white potato, 2 very thin-sliced small onions, 1 c. thin-sliced celery, 1 tin mushroom soup and 1½ c. chicken broth. Line a 2 qt. baking dish with rich biscuit pastry rolled ¼" thick. Bring the chicken filling to boiling point and pour in. Top with small rounds, cut from the biscuit pastry, placed so they almost touch. Brush with milk. Bake in a very hot oven, 425 F. for 5 min.; then reduce the heat to 375 F. and continue baking 35 min.

MIXED VEGETABLE SALAD

Open and drain the contents of 1 tin mixed vegetables. Add 1 section peeled garlic and ¼ c. French dressing; chill 30 min. Then remove the garlic. Add ½ c. diced celery for "that fresh" taste. Blend with mayonnaise or salad dressing and serve on lettuce.

SUGGESTION OF THE CHEF

Use any liquid drained from tinned vegetables partly in place of water when heating tinned soup.

Shadow Portraits

Before photography came into wide use, it was a common practice to make likenesses in the form of small black cut-outs pasted on a light background. These were known as silhouettes (after an eighteenth-century French Minister of Finance.) They have gone out of fashion now—which is somewhat to be regretted, since they can be rather pleasing as gift portraits and they provide interesting work for anyone who is willing to take a little trouble.

The method of making them is simple.

Set your "subject" close to a wall on which a sheet of white paper has been fastened—the position being a sideways one so that a full profile picture results.

Now arrange a bright light in such a way that it shines straight on to "and past" the head of the person whose portrait is being made. The light should not be too near, or the edges of the resulting shadow may be blurred or show some distortion of features. When the black outline is as exact and as faithful as you can make it, mark it out carefully on the sheet of white paper.

This outline is approximately life-sized, and needs to be copied accurately and skillfully in much smaller form. To do this without difficulty and without losing likeness value, measure and rule squares on the outline paper; and then do the same on a small piece of stiff paper that has a good surface. By using the sides and corners of these squares—the number of which must, of course, be the same in both cases—you will be able to reduce the portrait faithfully.

When the best possible miniature copy has been made, it should be very carefully cut with a small, sharp pair of scissors, or with the point of the blade of a good pocket-knife.

Finally, his small portrait should be evenly blackened with Indian ink and, when dry, mounted on card. To frame it, cover with a piece of glass or cellophane, and bind with passe-partout edging.

Silhouettes made in this fashion are appreciated by relatives and friends. Where several copies are needed, use your first reduction picture as a master, and trace from this—remembering all the while that great exactness is required if your handiwork is to give real satisfaction to yourself and others.



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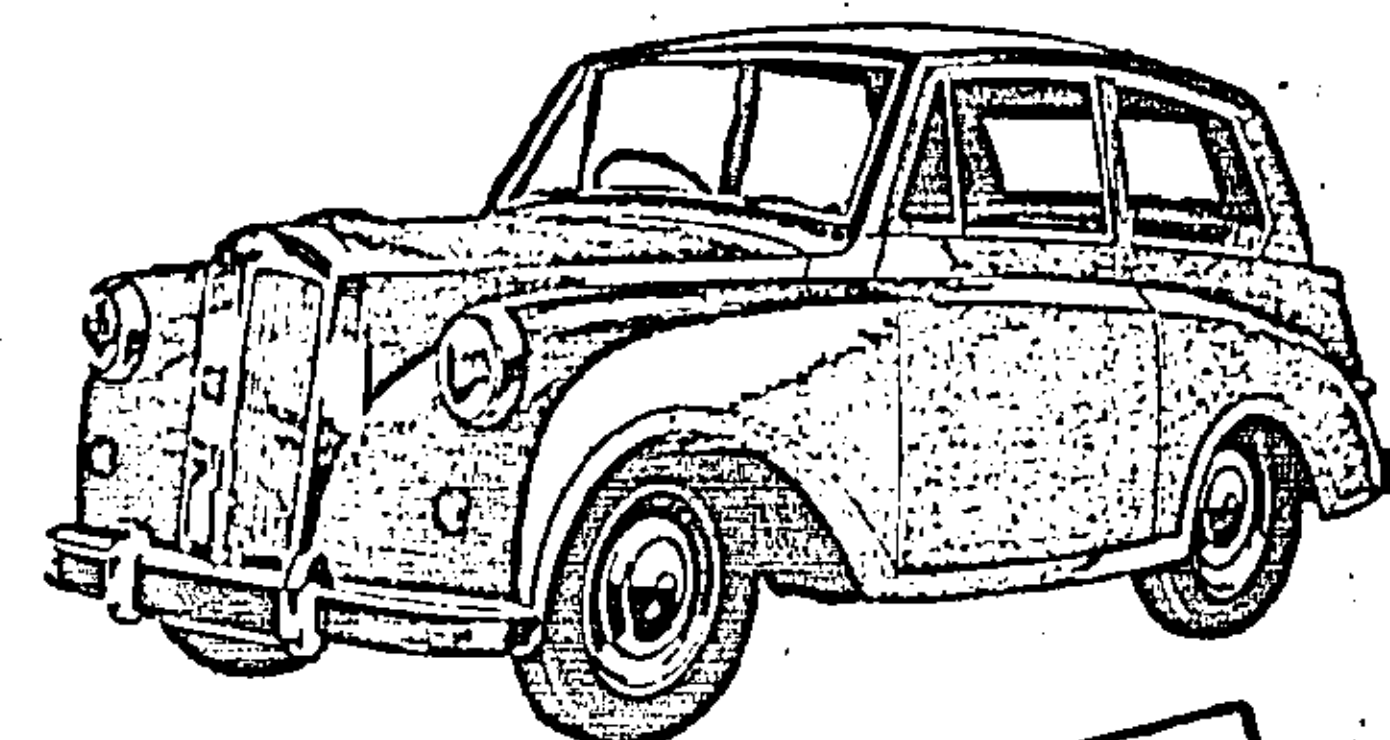
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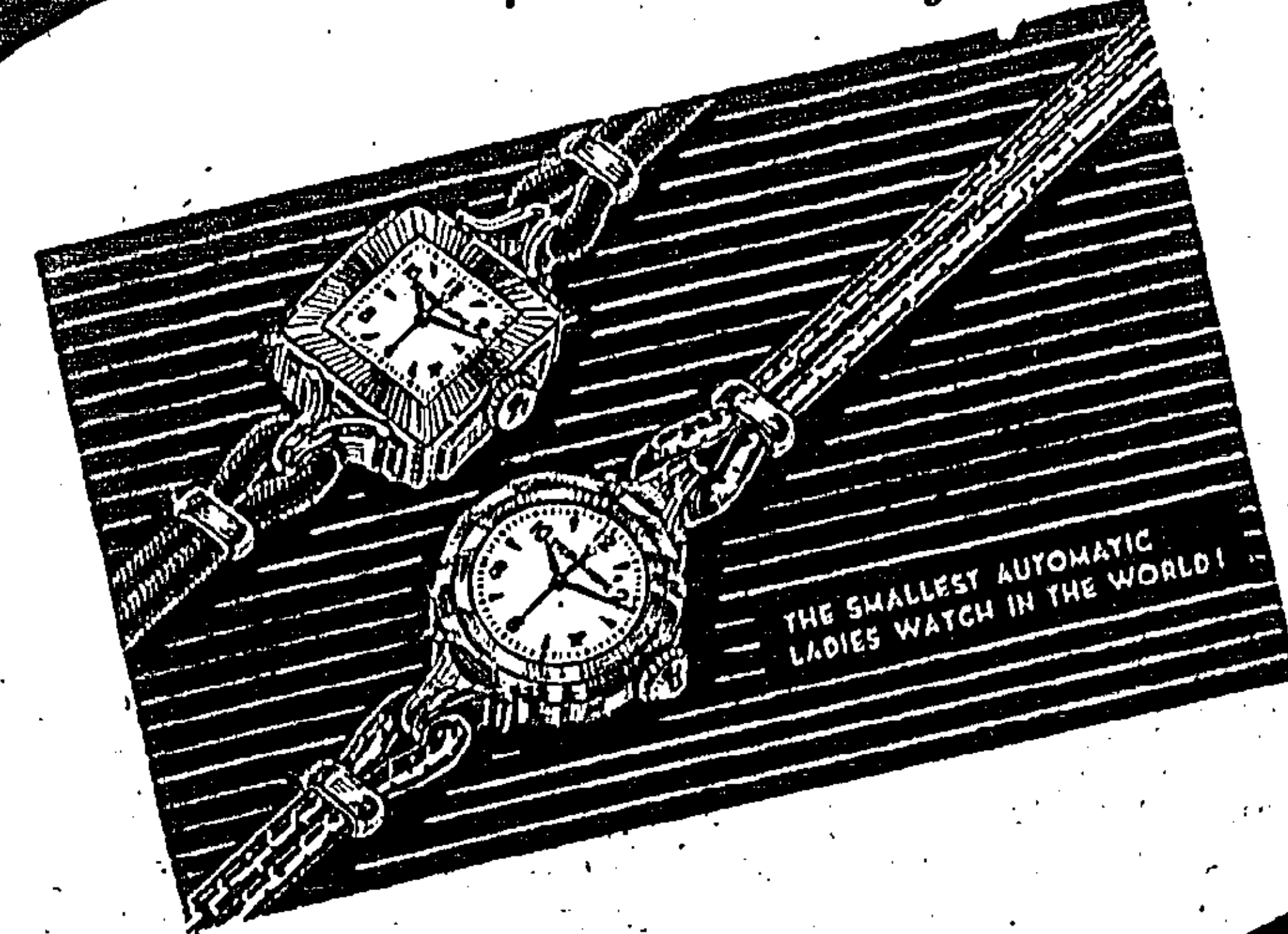
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VISITORS to the annual exhibition of the Hongkong Art Club engrossed in some of the works shown. This year's show was held in the British Council Library. (Staff Photographer)



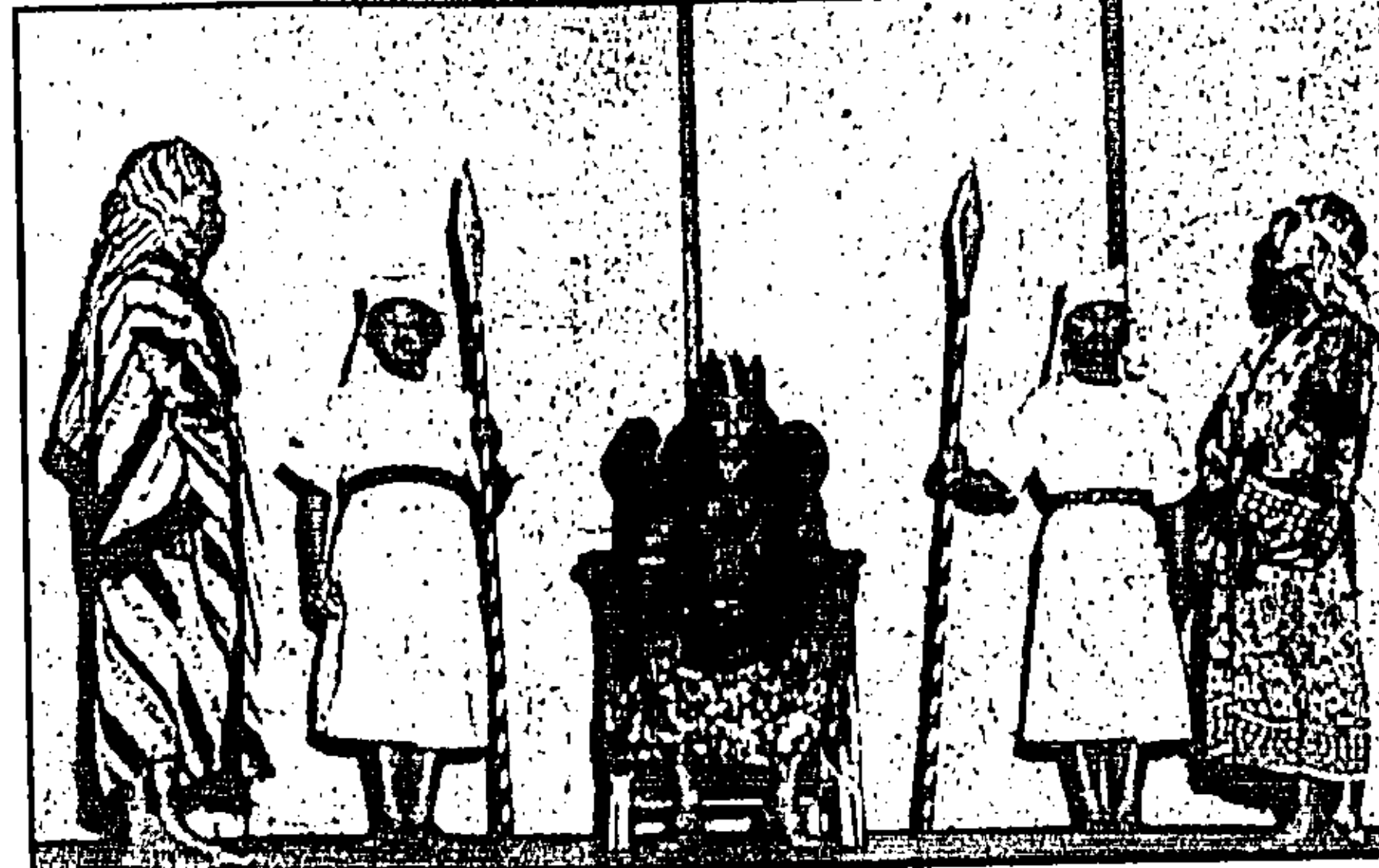
MR Malcolm Macdonald, Commissioner General for Southeast Asia, pictured at the conference with the local Press at the Colonial Secretariat last week at which he made a reassuring statement about Hongkong's position. On Mr Macdonald's right is Mr J. L. Murray, Hongkong Government PRO. (Staff Photographer)



THE Rev. J. H. Ogilvie, Vicar of St Andrew's Church, entertains some Service members of his Church in the vicarage. The occasion was during the recent holidays. (Mayfair)



BRIDAL group outside the Registry after the wedding last Saturday of Mr Yick Ling-shui and Miss Ho Kam-nin. (Ming Yuen)



TWO pictures taken at the concert given by Hongkong Wolf Cubs at the European YMCA last week. On the left is a scene from the play "Daniel," presented in Chinese, and on the right is the Band of the 37th Kowloon Pack. (Staff Photographer)



PICTURE taken at a New Year party given by some of the students of St Joseph's College. (Ming Yuen)

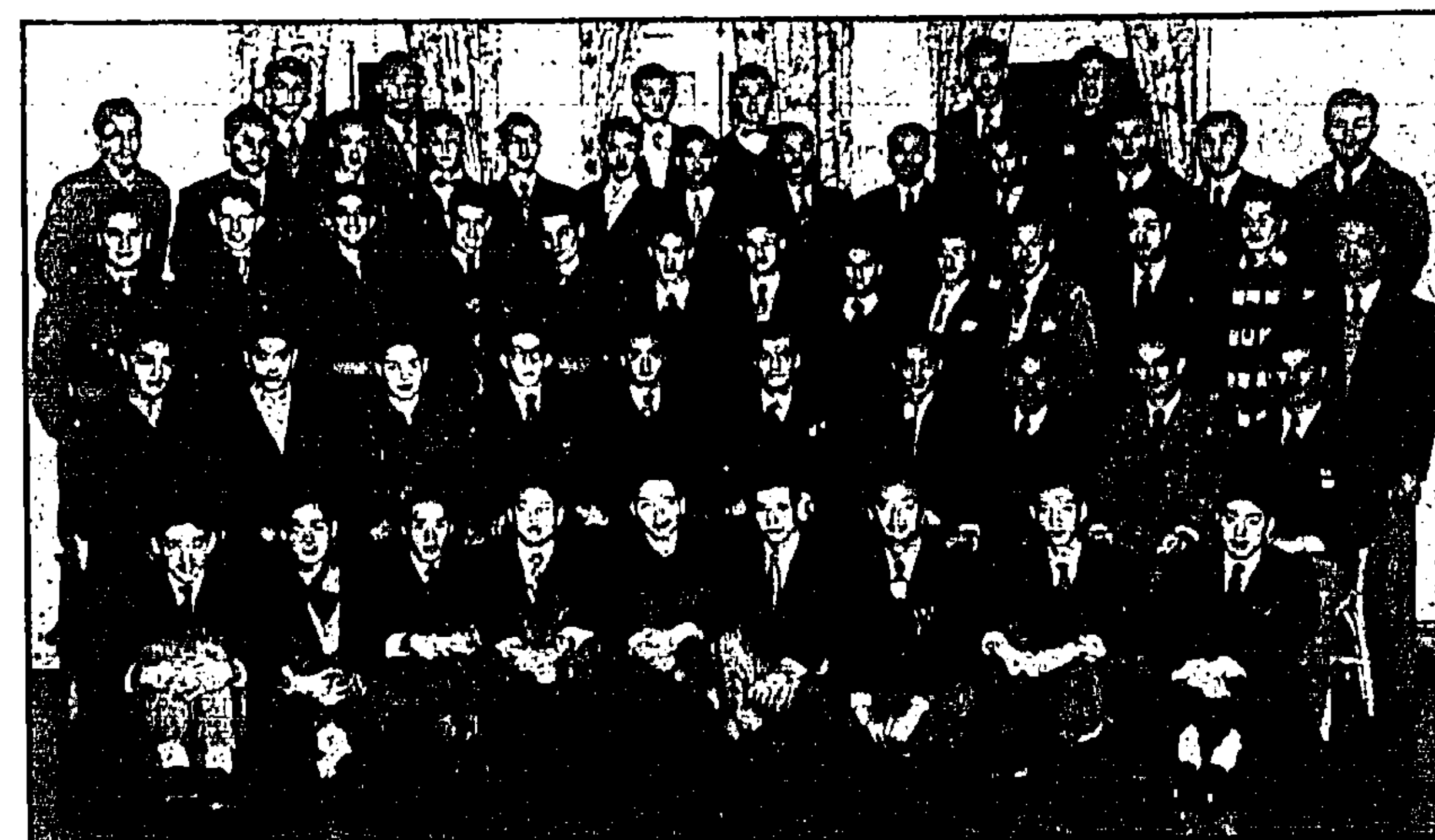


LEFT: Mr W. D. McMaster (right), who is retiring from the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., receiving the good wishes of his colleagues at a presentation held at the Kowloon Dock Club on Wednesday. (Staff Photographer)

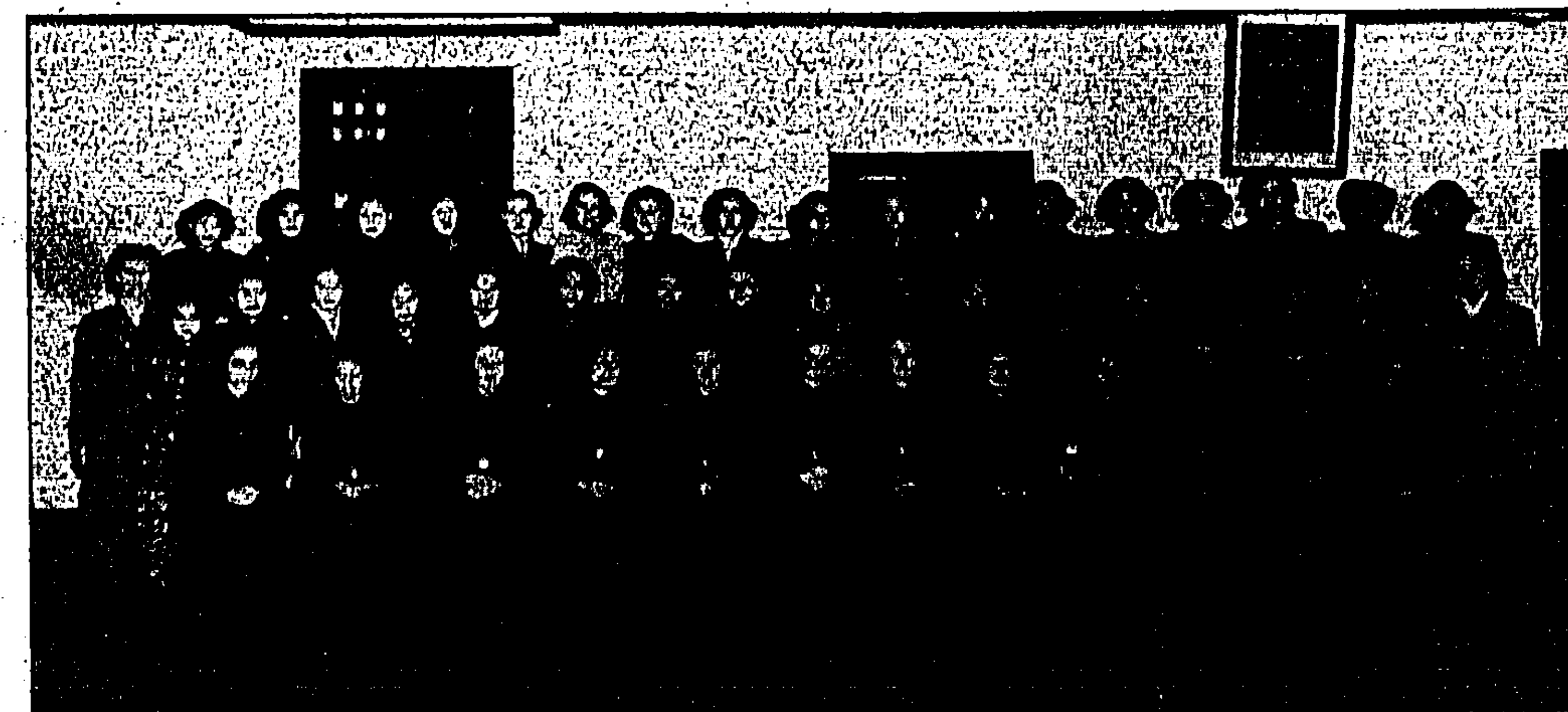
BELOW: The Warden and students at Morrison Hall this year. (Ming Yuen)



PICTURE taken after the wedding of Captain Jeffrey Roy Hilton and Miss Hazel Sclator, which took place at St Joseph's Church on Wednesday. (Staff Photographer)



BELOW: The staff of the Sacred Heart School. Picture was taken prior to the departure on leave of the Headmistress, Mother Angelica, seated sixth from the right. (Ming Yuen)



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TEDDY RAYNOR, her dark hair tousled, came into the breakfast room yawning like a small kitten and blinking a little in the strong May sunlight that poured through the windows of the apartment.

"Good morning, Aunt Elsie."

The neat, smartly dressed older woman, already seated at the table, looked half affectionately, half reproachfully, at her sleepy and untidy niece, at the uncombed curls, at the belt of her housecoat trailing on the floor behind her.

"Theodora, couldn't you at least use a comb before breakfast?"

"Um, yes—perhaps," the girl murmured.

Then her blue eyes became suddenly wide awake as she glanced at the mail beside her plate.

"My friend again!" She laughed and held up a bright yellow envelope.

"Listen to this one, Auntie!" She read aloud: "Dear Miss Raynor: If you will call at my office any day between nine and five you will learn something concerning the cruise of the Golden Gull that would greatly interest you personally. Sincerely, John Smitting."

"Humph!" said Aunt Elsie. "Just an ordinary advertising trick!"

Teddy glanced at the clipping. It was an advertisement similar to others she had received:

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New York City.

Teddy, with a shrug, laid the clipping aside and started opening the rest of her mail.

"Hello!" she exclaimed.

"Here's a note from Hugo Albright. You remember Hugo, don't you Auntie?"

"Johnson Albright's boy? That red-headed monkey who used to get you into all kinds of mischief when you were children?"

Teddy read through the note.

"He's here from Chicago on business—wants to come and see me. Gosh! I haven't seen him since he went away to college. He was still as fresh as paint then. Unless he's changed, I don't know whether I want to see him or not."

"Theodora, you must! Johnson Albright was your father's best friend! What has Hugo been doing in Chicago?"

"Oh, he has some sort of job out there," replied Teddy.

"Mr. Albright used to keep Dad and me posted on his doings, but I've lost track of him since Mr. Albright died—and then Dad. Well, I'll be curious, anyway, to see what he's like now."

"There's a young man to see you, Miss Theodora. A—Mr. Albright."

"Tell him I can't see him!" Teddy said indignantly. "Tell him—"

"She broke off, gaping. Hugo Albright had come walking unceremoniously into the room.

"Hello, Theodora! How do you do, Miss Raynor?"

A tall, young man with reddish hair, Hugo stood grinning at them lamely.

"Well, Hugo! I see your manners haven't improved!" Teddy said caustically.

Hugo, a twinkle in his eye, was bowing over Aunt Elsie's hand.

"Forgive me, Miss Raynor, for bursting in like this, but I know Theodora wouldn't see me unless I did—and I simply couldn't wait to see what the years have done to the little girl I took to her first dance."

"She's quite a young lady now, isn't she—old very pretty!"

"Don't be an idiot!" Teddy snapped, but she looked pleased.

Aunt Elsie was beaming. "We're glad to see you, Hugo—don't mind Theodora. Sit down and tell us about yourself."

He settled into a chair and, soon, he and Teddy were reminiscing and comparing notes on what they had been doing since they had last seen each other.

It was during a lull in the conversation that his eye happened to fall on the cruise advertisement that Teddy had placed on the living-room table.

"I say!" he exclaimed. "Have you been getting those things, too—with the queer letter from a fellow named Smitting?"

Teddy's eyes widened. "Has he been after you?"

"Yes!" Hugo drew from his pocket a bright yellow envelope and handed it to her. "Here! Read this!"

Teddy opened the letter and read:

"Dear Mr. Albright: You have ignored my previous letters, but let me urge you again to consider taking this cruise. Your father, if he were alive, would wish it. If you will get in touch with me, I shall explain further."

"How extraordinary!" said Teddy. "I mean the reference to your father!"

"Yes," said Hugo. "That's what got me. I'd thrown away the other letters. But the personal touch in this one made me sit up and take notice. In fact, I even had a detective agency here in New York get the low-down on Smitting."

"What did they find out?"

"Apparently he runs a bona-fide, perfectly reputable travel bureau. The only odd thing they found out about him is that he's a retired doctor—I mean, it seems queer that a physician would give up his profession to run a travel bureau. What has he been writing to you?"

Teddy described the peculiar letters she had been receiving.

Then she asked: "Are you, by any chance, thinking of taking the cruise?"

"I might—I have a vacation coming to me about that time. At any rate, while I'm here. I thought I'd call on Smitting and see what he has to say. Mr. curiosity is piqued."

"All right!" she said suddenly. "I'll go with you! I'm intrigued. I'll go this morning! Can you?"

"Fine!" said Hugo.

Teddy jumped up. "I'll go and change. Be with you in a jiffy!"

Aunt Elsie entirely disapproved of Teddy's and Hugo's decision.

When, half an hour later, he and Teddy left the apartment, Aunt Elsie was still protesting, but Teddy just laughed at her as she kissed her good-bye.

John Smitting's travel bureau proved to be a small, unpretentious suite of offices, but the reception room was attractively furnished, and there was an air of dignity about the place.

A few minutes later they were ushered into an inner office. A lanky middle-aged man, with a cadaverous face and shiny bald head, rose from his desk to greet them.

"Ah, Miss Raynor.... and Mr. Albright," he said silkily. "I am delighted to see you! But I am a bit surprised that you come together."

"I'm in town on business," Hugo said curtly. "And I've taken the opportunity to come in with my friend, Miss Raynor, to learn the reason for the most unaccountable and unconventional letters you have been writing to both of us in regard to this cruise you're advertising."

"Unbusinesslike!" Dr. Smitting looked peevish. "My dear sir.... if you will please be seated, I shall try to explain satisfactorily."

"Please do," said Hugo. "I'm particularly interested in knowing just why you referred to my father in the last letter you wrote me."

Dr. Smitting resumed his place behind his desk.

"Briefly, the situation is this," he began precisely. "The cruise of the Golden Gull, though publicly advertised, will be more or less exclusive. That is, we are not accepting applications indiscriminately. The cruise is being privately sponsored by a man who wishes to make his passenger list selective."

"Who is this man?" Hugo demanded.

"I don't know," Dr. Smitting said. "You don't know!" exclaimed Teddy.

"No—he prefers to remain unknown for the present.... He has dealt with me through his bank, a reputable house which vouches for him." Smitting named the bank, and produced some papers to back up his statements. "He engaged me to organize the cruise."

"A most peculiar way of doing business!" snorted Hugo. "But you still haven't told me why you had the audacity to allude to my father in your last letter."

"This man was an old friend of your father's," said Dr. Smitting. "Also of Miss Raynor's father. I received instructions, for that reason, to try in particular to interest you two in the cruise. He wants very much to have you in the party."

"This gets queerer and queerer," said Hugo. "Why not introduce himself and tell us openly that he wants us as—paying guests on his cruise?"

Dr. Smitting shrugged. "I gather he is rather an eccentric person."

Teddy suddenly laughed. "Hugo, it may simply be someone's idea of a lark.... Dr. Smitting, who are some of the other people he has asked you to contact?"

Smitting smiled smugly. "One big shot, John Carper, the millionaire. I'm pleased to say I've already succeeded in booking him. Also Cecil Stoddard and his wife."

"America's most famous playboy," murmured Teddy. "Hugo, it sounds rather intriguing."

"It sounds to me like a matter for the police! Hugo cut in bluntly.

"Go to the police, by all means," Mr. Albright said. "Smitting, quite unflustered, rose. "Come along, Theodora—let's get out of here."

"Just a moment, old hot-head," Teddy turned to Dr. Smitting. "How much does this cruise cost?"

He gave her some figures. "Hm.... rather expensive! However.... I'll think it over." "Do, Miss Raynor. Do!" Smitting bowed them out, with a smile that was a little too ingratiating.

As they passed through the outer office, a man entered from the hall—a perfectly tailored, rather distinguished-looking man of about forty. At sight of Teddy, he hesitated as though he were going to speak, and it seemed to her that an odd expression came into his eyes. Then he passed on toward the reception desk.

"Hugo," said Teddy, as they went down in the elevator, "need you have been quite so rude to Dr. Smitting?"

"I don't like him," said Hugo. "And I hope you didn't mean what you said about considering this crazy cruise."

"Oh, but I didn't have any plans for June, and my curiosity is aroused."

"So is mine—but I think we ought to steer clear of the thing."

"Well, let's forget it now and have some lunch," said Teddy.

Over the luncheon table, in a nearby restaurant, they talked of themselves, and Teddy made no protest when Hugo held her hand.

They lingered a long time over the meal, seeming reluctant to part. It was well past the middle of the afternoon when they finally separated, after making an appointment to

have dinner together the following evening.

Teddy, on reaching home, was met by the maid in the front hall.

"There's a Mr. Graham here to see you, miss. I told him you were out, but he insisted on waiting. And he looked all right, so I—"

"You know you shouldn't let strangers in, Mary," Teddy rebuked.

Removing her hat, she moved to the living-room doorway. She paused there in surprise. Her visitor, who had risen at her appearance, was the same man she had seen going into Dr. Smitting's office.

Teddy hesitated, then moved slowly into the room. The stranger bowed. "Miss Raynor, my name is Denis Graham. His voice was quiet, cultured. "I'm sorry to have more or less forced my way in, but it really was important that I see you. Please don't scold your maid."

He was very attractive, Teddy decided.

"That's quite all right," she said, taking a chair. "What can I do for you?"

He said slowly, "I'm afraid you are going to think me very impertinent, but I must risk that. Miss Raynor—are you thinking of joining the cruise of the Golden Gull?"

"Did Dr. Smitting tell you that?"

"No. He did not mention you."

"Then...."

"I recognised you coming out of his office and put two and two together," Graham smiled faintly. "You must realise, of course, that the society papers have made you very well known."

Teddy dismissed this last impatiently. "And if I am considering the cruise, what—"

"What business is it of mine?" he finished for her. "That is a difficult question to answer."

"I should think it might be!" Teddy said bluntly. "But I have no reason for not admitting that I may take the cruise."

"Don't."

Teddy stared at him. He had spoken so emphatically that it was almost ridiculous.

"I am afraid I don't understand."

Graham leaned forward. "Miss Raynor, did your father ever tell you that he was the head of a secret society—the Order of the Golden Gull?"

"No," said Teddy, startled. "Did—did you know my father?"

"Yes—and I've decided to tell you what I know about activities in connection with that secret society, now disbanded, for I believe it has a bearing on this cruise being organised by Dr. Smitting."

He paused and Teddy waited curiously for him to go on.

"Your father," he resumed, "was a romantic adventurer to the core. The Order of the Golden Gull was the result of his adventurous spirit. He, and his friend, Johnson Albright, founded the society and directed its operations."

"How do you know all this?"

"Because I was one of the charter members."

"What was the object of this mysterious society?" asked Teddy.

"Its purpose was to do unusual charity in unusual ways, to right wrongs and achieve justice. A great deal of purely financial assistance was given where needed, but frequently money had nothing to do with the case. Those aided came from every walk of life—rich and poor. Help of all sorts was given to those worthy of it who were in difficulty of one kind or another. Often the source of the assistance was unknown to the recipients, and often aid was rendered in strange, fairy-tale ways. This appealed to your father's romantic nature."

"It sounds like Father," Teddy murmured. "But how was all this accomplished? And who paid the persons to be

aided—who picked them out?"

"Your father and Mr. Albright were constantly on the lookout for cases that the society might benefit, and also received suggestions from the various members. The members acted as agents under orders—they were given assignments and received instructions as to how to proceed. Then, they turned in reports. I was Agent No. 1."

"Who were some of the other members?"

"We were unknown to one another except by number—and we did not meet. We dealt separately and directly with your father and Mr. Albright. At least, that was the way your father wished things to be—though there may have been some who came, in time, to know one another."

"It all sounds a bit too extraordinary to be true!" exclaimed Teddy.

"It was extraordinary," Graham agreed. "It was fantastic—but it was a gloriously good adventure!"

"But what has all this to do with Dr. Smitting's cruise?"

Graham became very solemn. "Miss Raynor, I'm convinced that there is more than mere coincidence in the fact that the name of the yacht, the Golden Gull, is the same as the name of your father's secret society. Shortly before his death, he disbanded the organisation because he suspected some agent or agents of double-crossing him and he feared that the

machine he had made might be turned to wicked uses. I believe that the unknown sponsor of this cruise is an ex-member who wants for some evil purpose, to bring together the ex-members."

"I'm not an ex-member!" Teddy pointed out. "Neither is Hugo Albright, the young man who was with me at Dr. Smitting's office today."

"No—but you are the children of the founders of the society. I gather that Smitting aroused your interest in some special way. But I believe that the name, the Golden Gull, was given to the yacht and played up in an advertisement of the cruise for the definite purpose of attracting the attention of ex-members of the society and causing them to make inquiries. It may interest you to know that only certain persons are being accepted as passengers. Others are told that the bookings are full."

"But how does the sponsor of the cruise know whom he wants if, as you say, the members of the society were unknown to one another?"

"My explanation," said Graham, "is that this person—wherever he may be—got access in some way to your father's papers and got hold of a secret list of the members. I said, you know, that your father suspected some agent of double-crossing him."

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ON MONDAY)

Two of her sons won the V.C.

A MOTHER who was England died last week—a mother who passed to her sons the traditions of our island story, the virtue, the strength, and the courage.

Mrs. Amy Bradford lived most of her 91 years in the hardy North, in County Durham.

Her four sons absorbed her character, her personality.

They grew up in the spacious days towards the end of the reign of another English monarch, Queen Victoria.

The Gamemans all, they lived the carefree life of the young and healthy through the early years of the 20th century.

Grief and pride

Until the Kaiser's war, Thomas, the eldest, reported to his regiment, the Durham Light Infantry; James and Roland, the youngest, joined him; George chose the Navy.

For Mrs. Bradford those four war years were years of grief and pride.

Roland won an early M.C. His qualities earned him a brigadier-generalship at 25. At 25 he won a V.C. on the Somme.

A year later he was killed, ironically, by a stray German shell deep behind the battle line.

For George—the family's second V.C. As a lieutenant-commander he was the first man on

the Zebrugge Mole in the heroic St. George's Day raid of 1918.

He died on the Mole, making fast the ship Iris II, which was carrying the storming party. It was his 31st birthday.

James won an M.C. before he died of wounds in 1917.

One returned

There was left only Thomas. For him, a D.S.O. for gallantry in France and a return to a new, postwar world, to a life spent largely in the public service. In 1939 he became Sir Thomas.

The son's story is told in the Bradford Book—a 50-copy family record produced by friends.

But no one thought of recording the story of the woman whose English spirit went to war in the persons of her boys. She was born in 1859, daughter of a Kentish farmer.

At 25 she married a Durham colliery owner. After 26 years marriage and motherhood she was widowed.

At 31 she went to the theatre at Folkestone. Her grandson, actor George Bradford, was playing in Dear Miss Phoebe. She wanted to see how he looked in uniform.

Said Sir Thomas last night: "Neither her spirit nor her health ever failed her until she became ill last week-end. She enjoyed every minute of her life."

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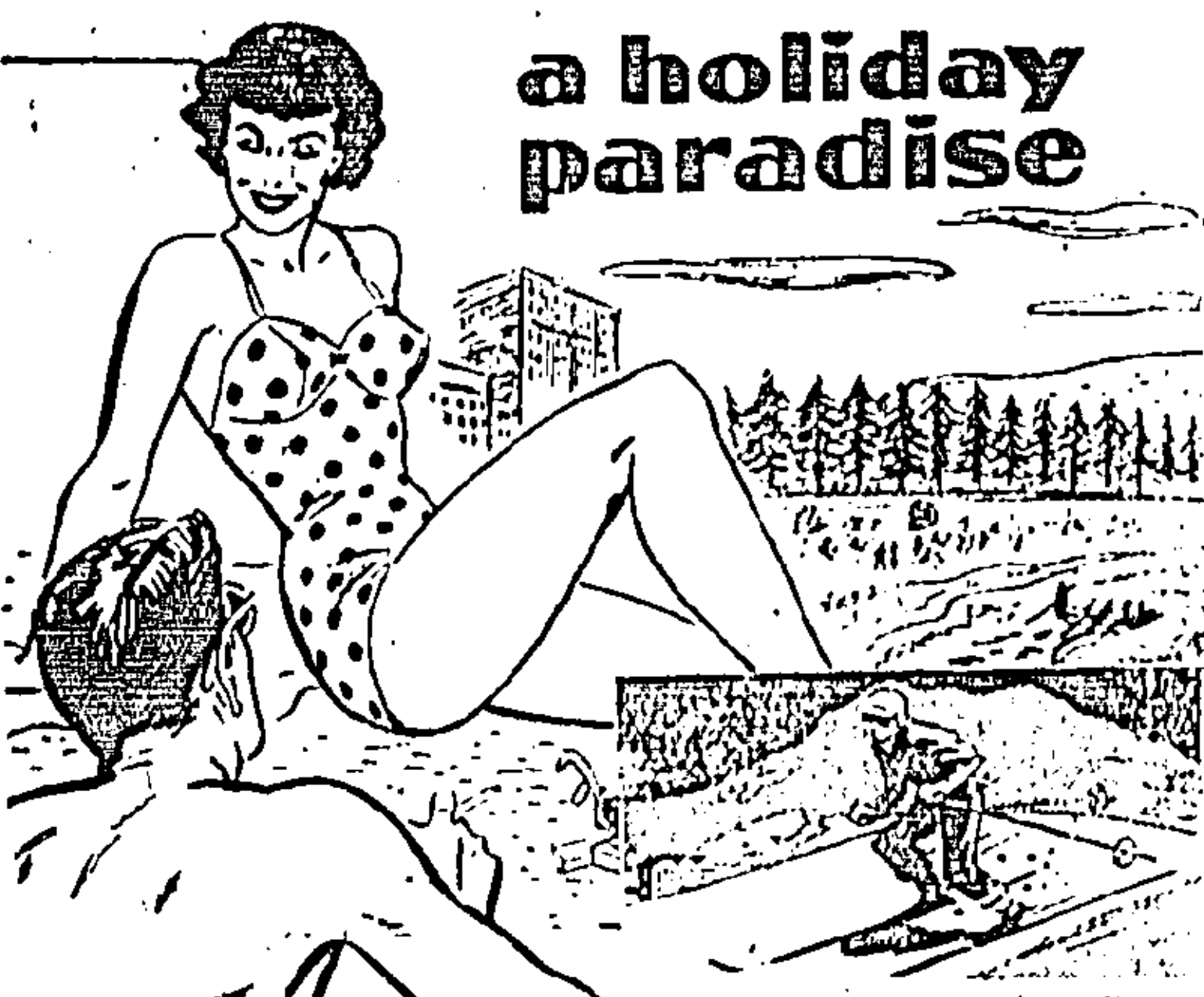
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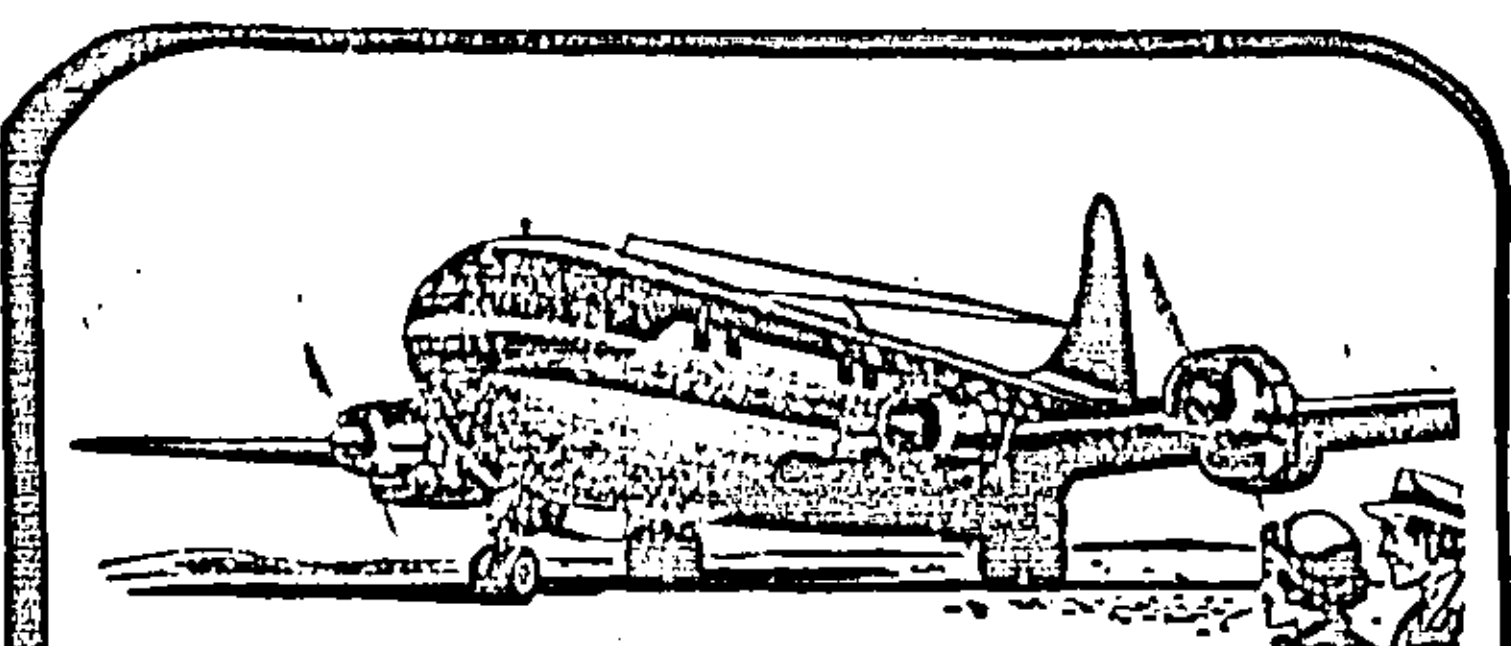
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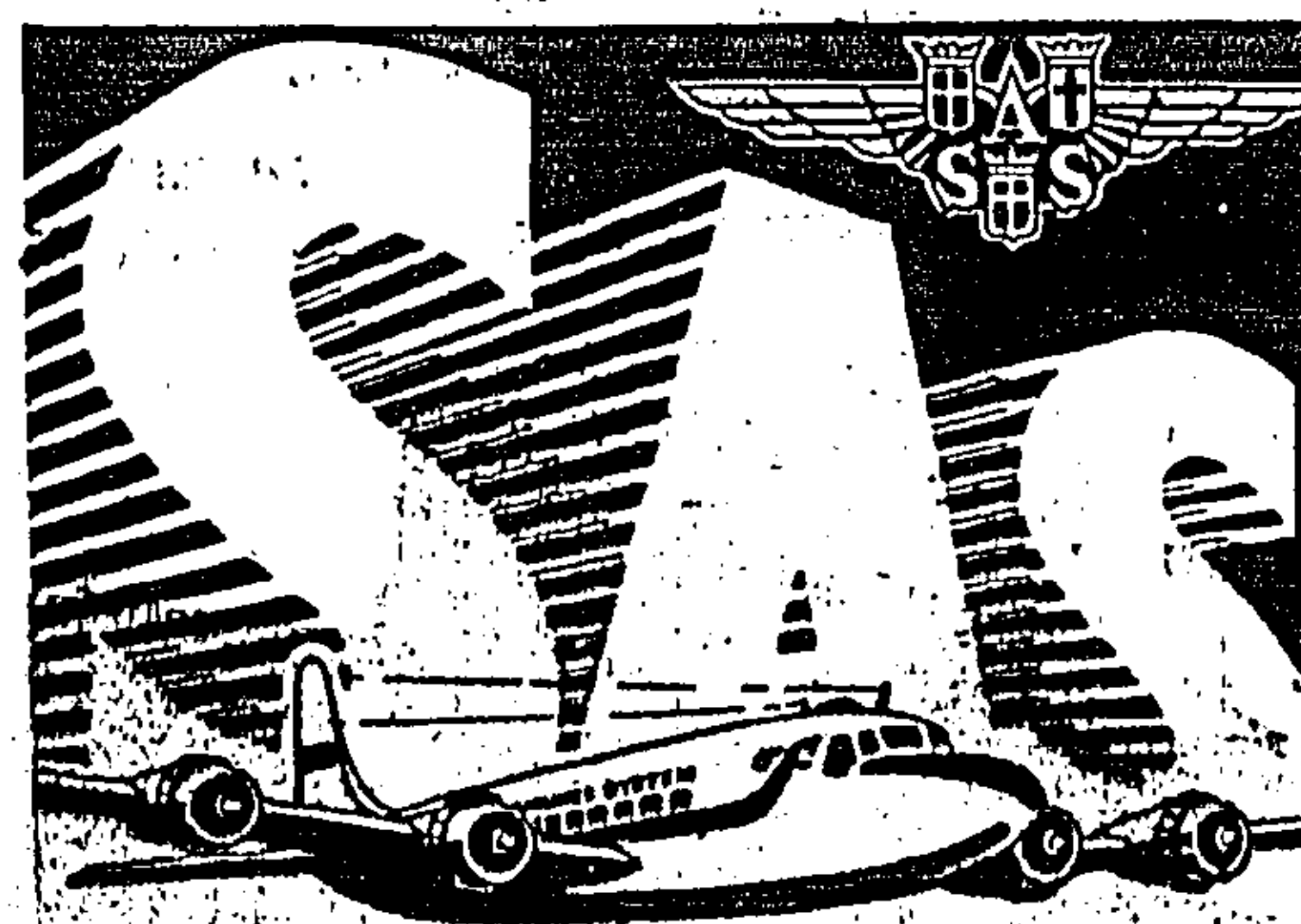
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PARIS LETTER from SAM WHITE

IKE ANGERS THE REDS

PARIS. WITH Eisenhower's arrival in Paris to take up his post of C-in-C of the Atlantic Pact Forces France is being treated to a demonstration of Goebbels-like Communist propaganda.

Paris is pleased with Communist posters denouncing Eisenhower as a "German" (unlike of course, those un-German German Communists) and ascribing him of all things as a willing pupil of the Fascist MacArthur.

All this marks a considerable somersault of Communist views held about Eisenhower at the time of the liberation of Paris when the powerful Communist Press lavished its praise on him for the scrupulous fairness with which he treated Communist resistance groups.

Meanwhile, it is clear from the tone of the non-Communist Press and the comments of the man in the street, that Ike enjoys almost as great a personal popularity in Paris as he does in London. In face of this warm regard for him, one feels almost sorry for the back propagandists for trying to depict him in the image of a tight-lipped, scarred Prussian field-marshal.

GENERAL

ANOTHER general who is the subject of widespread comment in France—this time almost wholly unfavourable—is Field-marshal Montgomery's old antagonist at Western Union defence headquarters, General de Lattre de Tassigny. De Tassigny was recently appointed C-in-C of the French forces in Indo-China—a move which was as much a tribute to his military capabilities as to long memories of his wartime quarrels with General Eisenhower.

Now the French Minister for Colonies, M. Létourneau, has returned from a visit to Indo-China with a report on the general which has both amused and angered the French Cabinet.

According to Létourneau, de Tassigny is "difficult to get on with" and "overbearing" in his manner.

Létourneau cites as an instance of de Tassigny's tactlessness a recent official banquet in Saigon in which the General, finding that he was not seated on either the left or the right hand of the Indo-Chinese Emperor Bao Dai, promptly tore up the place card of the Emperor's Prime Minister and seated himself in his place.

DRIVERS

THE Paris police are making a new effort to straighten out Paris's growing traffic

chaos by issuing a handbook for drivers. Among the tips contained in the handbook are the following:

To women drivers: You do not kill as many pedestrians as the men. But you cause many minor accidents by talking, gesticulating, not keeping your minds on your driving.

To impatient drivers: Your horn will not change the red light to green. Don't be sure of your reflexes—the other man may be even a bigger fool.

To lorry drivers: Don't hog the middle of the road, dazzle everyone with your lights, or turn without warning. Speeding with lorries is the biggest single danger on the road.

To pedestrians: Wait for the green light. Better be late for your appointment than early for your funeral. Cross between the studs or you may lie between the crosses.

PRINCESS

PARIS is buzzing with reports of a possible marriage between Prince Baudouin of the Belgians and Princess Isabelle, eldest of the Comte de Paris's eleven children.

The Comte de Paris is the Pretender to the French throne who was recently allowed to return to France after a lifetime of exile.

Princess Isabelle is tall, has light hair, blue eyes, plays tennis and is an expert horse rider. She will be 18 next year and has been studying English at the British Institute in Paris. She hopes to go to England next year.

Meanwhile she is living with her father in a suite at the Hotel Crillon where visitors are treated to the daily spectacle of the Comte holding court in the hotel lobby.

He is addressed as "Your Royal Highness" and he is elaborately courted.

SHOW GIRLS

I have been talking to some of the 19 British chorus girls and show girls who are featured in Paris's newest cabaret, the Nouvelle Eve. They earn much more money than French chorus girls, but complain bitterly of the high cost of living.

They earn an average salary of £15 a week, out of which they have to pay £3 10s. a week for a Montmartre hotel room. £7 a week on food £1 10s on hairdressing and make-up. They claim that clothes in France cost twice as much as in England and are vastly inferior in quality.

Said one of the show girls, Leta Mooney of Cricklewood: "It's too expensive for me. I could do much more on half the money in London."

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U.S. wives view THE BRITISH WAY OF LIFE

MILDENHALL, Suffolk. HOW cold your houses are, why can't you get a baby sitter, how easy it is to get a domestic servant.

Those are the first impressions of England gained by the American wives who form the "little America" colony around here and Lakenham. There are 50 of them. Their husbands are on the permanent staff at the airfield near here, which the U.S. Air Force is sharing with the R.A.F. Most of them have been in England only a few weeks.

Some of them have other impressions. They have come up against our housing problem. They are the ones who are not lucky enough to be allocated married quarters on the base, and who have had to find accommodation in and around the village.

£10 A WEEK

One couple who are living just outside the village are Captain R. C. Brannan and his wife, Vera, from Louisiana with their two children. They are paying £10 a week for a six-room furnished house in Mildenhall. "I have shivered ever since I arrived in England," Mrs Brannan said.

yan said. "You don't have much idea about kitchens, either. Still, I'm enjoying myself."

Mrs Brannan's two children are Karen, aged 12 (girl), and Everett, aged 8 (boy). "They have started to go to an English school in Newmarket, and I find your standards of education are far in advance of ours," she said.

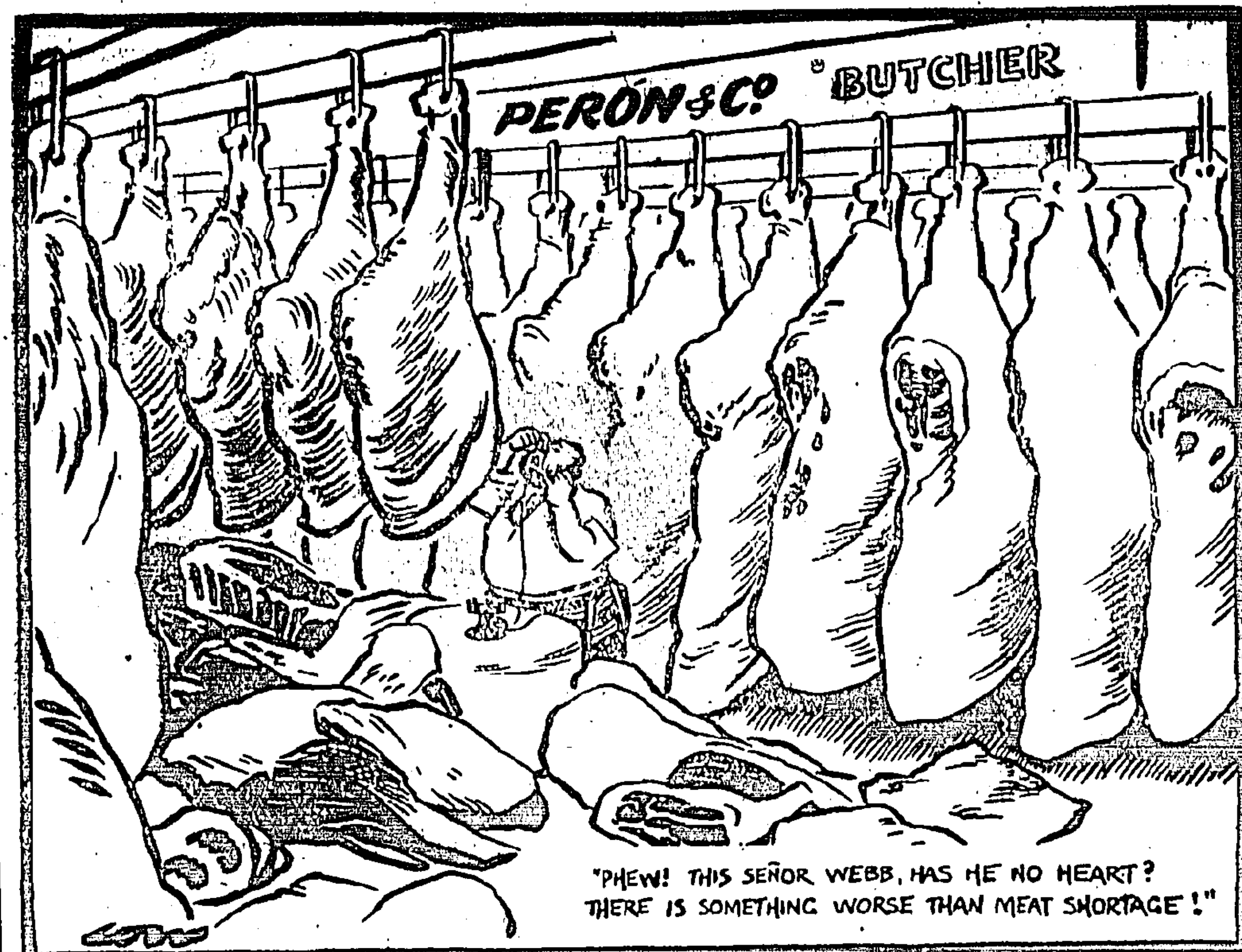
"For instance, both the children are learning French. At

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home our children don't start French until they are about 14. And Everett has got up to his nine times table."

Mrs Isabel La Balbo from New York, whose husband is a second-lieutenant, also has two children, aged four and eight. She is living in a village called West-Hey near here in a five-roomed furnished bungalow; it cost her husband £5 a week.

"I just can't find a baby-sitter," she said. "But I was surprised how easy it is to get ordinary domestic help. At home it is easy to find a baby-sitter, but impossible to find someone to help with the cleaning."



ARGENTINE END OF THE MEAT SITUATION

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The 1914 Panto dancer has come a long way

By EVELYN IRONS

THE woman of the week is a Dame. But nothing to do with pantomime now. She has been called the Diaghilev of British ballet: Ninette de Valois.

When Margot Fonteyn, Moira Shearer, and the rest of her Sadler's Wells ballet company come back from their triumphant tour of the United States at the end of next month, they will not address her as Dame Ninette, the mode to which her appearance in the New Year Honours List entitles her. She will still be "Madam" to them, as she is today to everyone at Covent Garden, from the stage door-keeper up.

And with all due respect (for like them all I am a little frightened of her) I submit that Madam is the word.

In line with some other persons who wield great power, Madam works in unimpressive surroundings and she works

extremely hard. You find her in a cubby-hole of an office in that complex labyrinth which lies behind the scenes at the Opera House.

There she sits at a small, tidy desk, busy with rehearsal schedules and all the multifarious business involved in directing and managing not only the celebrated Sadler's Wells ballet company, but the junior school as well.

With her fragile figure, her silvery upswung hair, her large, grey eyes in a pale, pointed, rather sad face, she gives an impression of porcelain brittleness. But don't you believe it.

Here is a woman, not of Dresden china, but of iron. She would need to be. She has built up and schooled the Sadler's Wells ballet from a once-a-forenight appearance to the present celebrated dollar-earning prestige for Britain in many of the world's capitals.

If she were to "settle down," she says, she would divide her time between her favourite cities—London, Paris, Florence and Istanbul.

But she has not the slightest intention of settling down yet. Now that she is back from superintending the ballet in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, with a 12 days' interval for a lightning lecture tour of eight Canadian towns, she faces a mountain of work which will keep her mostly in Britain for the next 12 months at least.

COAL? SO DEAR!

The first thing she bought was a paraffin heater to supplement the warmth given by the electric fires in the flat. The high price of coal has struck the philly wives from America. Most of them also find it difficult to warm their houses to the temperature they consider "civilised" on the amount of coal they are able to buy.

Most of the wives are in their twenties or early thirties, and few have been in England before. Their husbands are nearly all veterans of the last war, and know England well. "I wonder if my husband will show me the England he used to know," said one girl with a twinkle in her eye. "I somehow don't think he will, for he wasn't married then."

The wives will be over here for three years, which is the term of service for their husbands at the base.

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masterpiece. She aims to do a new one on the theme of Joan of Arc.

"My main problem," she says, "is how to cram 30 hours' work into the 24."

Her relaxation? Books. Much of her reading is done in the train, on her way home from London to Buntingford, where she lives with her husband, Dr Arthur Connell.

Her choice—Jane Austen, George Eliot, Meredith, Hardy ("Jude the Obscure" is one of the greatest novels ever written). Madam enjoys the stringent Thackeray, too, but not Dickens ("I simply cannot read him").

How Edris Stannus (as she was born at the family home in the Wicklow Hills 52 years ago) came to be a ballet dancer she herself finds it hard to explain. "I always enjoyed dancing as a child, but that was nothing out of the ordinary," she says.

When the family moved to England she was eight, and it was at the celebrated deportment classes of Mrs Wordsworth in South Kensington that she had her first dancing lessons. The ballroom was the target, not the stage.

But at 12 she went to a stage school. By 15 she was billed as

"The Miniature Pavlova," touring seaside resorts with a troupe of "Wonder Children," and a new name, Ninette de Valois, chosen by her mother.

Looking back on those early days she says of herself, "I have danced the Dying Swan on every pier in the British Isles." And—yes—Dame Ninette appeared in pantomime. As a dancer, during the 1914 war.

There were tough years on the halls. Then, from 1923, two gruelling, glamorous years as a ballerina under the merciless master Diaghilev. She danced in Paris, Berlin, London, Barcelona, The Hague, Munich—and, of course Monte Carlo, where the company were drilled so hard that after a particularly strenuous day of rehearsal without time for food or drink, she wept with tiredness as she dressed for the evening ballet Carnival.

There are times today when the dancers of her own companies swear that Madam is as ruthless a boss as Diaghilev ever was. She spares none in her drive for perfection. She suffers no fools. She is queen of the icy rector.

Two things melt her heart. She always finds time to be kind and understanding to any of her dancers in misfortune. And she is never too busy to laugh and play with their children. She has none of her own.

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What makes the business man tired (and not merely)

WHY does a boring Sunday tire you out as much as a full day's work? Why does a stale story start you yawning? Why do you find yourself nodding off at a dull speech?

Doctors have just put forward a startlingly simple answer to these questions; boredom rapidly reduces the amount of sugar in your blood.

This sugar is the main source of energy for your brain and muscles. So, getting "browned off" in an amiable can exhaust you as much as a hard physical effort.

The doctors discovered this explanation accidentally during experiments to find out why high-level business executives and others who carry heavy responsibility are so subject to fatigue.

They rate their finding of prime medical importance because it shows that enforced retirement is no remedy for the over-ambitious or over-conscientious man who habitually exhausts himself.

Led by Sidney Fox, the doctors examined scores of "worn-out" business men during years of research at the Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago. They found that constant anxiety, caused by long spells of responsibility, impairs the

glands which control the blood's sugar supply.

The sugar, which builds up in the blood after a meal, is depleted at an abnormally rapid rate in over-driven brain-workers.

"When an inadequate amount of sugar circulates in the blood the brain does not function properly and the patient becomes highly strung and easily fatigued," the doctors write in their medical report.

Measurements of the blood strength of normal people deliberately subjected to boredom convinced the doctors that putting an exhausted, but still ambitious, business man on a dull routine of light reading and country walks would probably make him worse.

So they offer a more practicable remedy: ensure a more regular supply of blood sugar by more food and less smoking.

They believe that if the hard-pressed brain worker had three regular meals a day with plenty of potatoes, bread, cereals, fruit juices and other ingredients which generate blood sugar, plus a half-pint of milk at bedtime, he would be far less likely to suffer from fatigue.

An occasional cigarette helps the tired man by stimulating his system to release more sugar into the blood. But chain-smoking has just the opposite effect, says a British doctor.

CHAPMAN PINCHER

FERD'NAND

That's Rich

By Mik





-THIS DREAM MEANS:

You are passing through a phase of self-mortification. Feeling guilty about something you've done—possibly a cruel or tactless action—you feel that if you treat yourself harshly, some good will come of it.

The mattress of porcupines and the bites of wolves are the punishment you mete out for

yourself. They symbolize the masochism of your nature, i.e., the desire to crucify yourself in order to atone cleansed of guilt.

The grass growing from the wounds symbolizes the good that you expect will grow from that expiation.

While you are in this mood, it would probably be a good thing to treat yourself kindly for a day or two; coddle yourself a little and ease the prickings of a harsh conscience.

'Bosh' said the Empress (BUT MR. WAUGH) (LOSES HIS VOICE)

HELENA. By Evelyn Waugh. Chapman and Hall. 9s. 6d. 265 pages.

HELENA is what remains of Evelyn Waugh when you take away the talent. This is how Waugh can write when his talent deserts him. "Helena's love, born of the mists and rain, grow tender and summer-sweet while the new life ripened within her."

As for the dialogue, it rarely leaves the plane of prattle except to soar for a second or two, in some rough little joke ("I'll tell the world" said Helena).

This new novel tells the story of an Empress, Helena, mother of Constantine the Great who made Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire. At the religious information about her could be written on a postage stamp.

It seems likely that she was the daughter of an inn-keeper in Asia Minor. For political reasons, she was divorced by her husband. One legend (rather late) declares that she was British, the daughter of Old King Cole. Another (earlier) says that, in old age, she found the True Cross on Golgotha. Many believe this legend to be veracious.

Waugh insists that Helena is a dull, open air girl who bores her husband and grows up into a brisk, bossy old hard-riden full of sturdy common sense ("It's all bosh, she says"). A truculent amateur theologian. He sees her as the sort of woman who scents the battle from afar and puts on her WVS uniform, who bullies the poor (for their good) and has a jolly way with the clergy.

By the time Helena becomes a Christian, the new religion is both safe and respectable. But this does not mean that in the past she has lacked sympathy for the movement. Of the Emperor Diocletian, who massacred Christians by the thousand, Helena (still a pagan) said firmly, "I don't think he can be very nice."

The comment, as usual, falls short of adequacy. Why does Waugh's imagination remain obstinately undisturbed by events that are all deeply charged with poetry, grandeur and significance? Why is his language, seeking simplicity, never touched with magic, eloquence, the power to move?

Perhaps Waugh is slightly overawed by those remote, grandiose personages? Perhaps he feels it would not be in

BOOKS By . . . GEORGE MALCOLM THOMSON

good taste to invest them with humanity. Perhaps he is oppressed by the poverty of his historical material.

Perhaps—no, certainly!—It would have been better had Waugh decided that, after all, Helena was not a nice British girl with a convivial Papa, but a nasty Levantine girl, the daughter of an inn-keeper. The creator of Lady Metroland might have brought more zest to that job. As it is, his gifts are misapplied.

So the talent of Evelyn Waugh is borne to the churchyard. Ah, no! The Loved One cannot rest in consecrated ground. This is a case of suicide.

Temporary I hope. ELEVEN WAUGH, born 1903 married, three sons, three daughters, has been schoolmaster, artist, soldier, reporter, novelist, lives in Gloucestershire.

THE SPANISH GARDEN. By A. J. Cronin. Gollancz. 9s. 6d. 256 pages.

MR. BRANDE, new American consul at San Jorge, in Spain loves his little son, Nicholas with a jealous, devouring love, the dire effects of which are Cronin's theme. Mr. Brande is a monster. But a very small monster. He is neurotic, suffers slightly from delusions of grandeur and persecution mania, is heaven's gift to any unscrupulous psychiatrist. Also, he is very stupid.

So stupid that, in trying to "save" his boy from the nice young gardener, he delivers him over to the criminal lunatic butler. Yet he ought—because he was told—to have distrusted that butler.

In the end the consul, almost accidentally, kills the young gardener. And he almost, but not quite, achieves the destruction of his son.

The SNAPSHOT GUILD



Good focus and a steady hand combined here to produce a sharp negative. Notice how all parts of the hay rake are clear and distinct.

Make 'Em Sharp

A YOUNG boy wrote us the other day, complaining that his pictures are blurred and fuzzy. "I seem to have a lot of difficulty," he said, "in getting sharp negatives." He wants to know what the trouble is.

That's a hard question to answer without seeing the prints themselves. Any one of several things can cause a blurred or fuzzy negative. But chances are our friend's troubles result from camera shake, improper focus, or too slow a shutter speed to stop the action of the subject he's shooting.

Camera shake is caused by moving the camera in the act of releasing the shutter. It's easily avoided by holding the camera firmly with both hands against cheek or chest and tripping the shutter with a firm, steady motion rather than a quick jab. A shutter speed of 1/50 of a second is best for pictures that don't need faster speeds to stop action. Use 1/25 of a second when you need the longer exposure. But, if your shutter speed must be slower than this, be sure to put the camera on a tripod or other firm support.

Forcussing problems vary, of course, depending on the camera used. With fixed-focus cameras such as box cameras all you need worry about is that your subject be at least seven or eight feet away. Anything beyond that distance will be in reasonably sharp focus.

However, with focussing cameras it is up to you to judge the distance from camera to subject accurately. And the closer you are to your subject, the more accurate you

must be. At distances less than ten feet, it's not a bad idea to check your estimate against a tape or pace it off.

When it comes to the business of stopping action, shutter speed is of major importance. However, a sharp picture of a subject in action isn't all a matter of shutter speed. You can give even a fast shutter speed a "break" in the following ways: One, be wary of action crossing the camera at right angles. Catch it approaching the camera diagonally or head on. Two, move away from fast action. The closer you are to action, the faster the shutter speed you need for a clear, sharp picture.

—John van Guilder

THEY WERE TORPEDOES

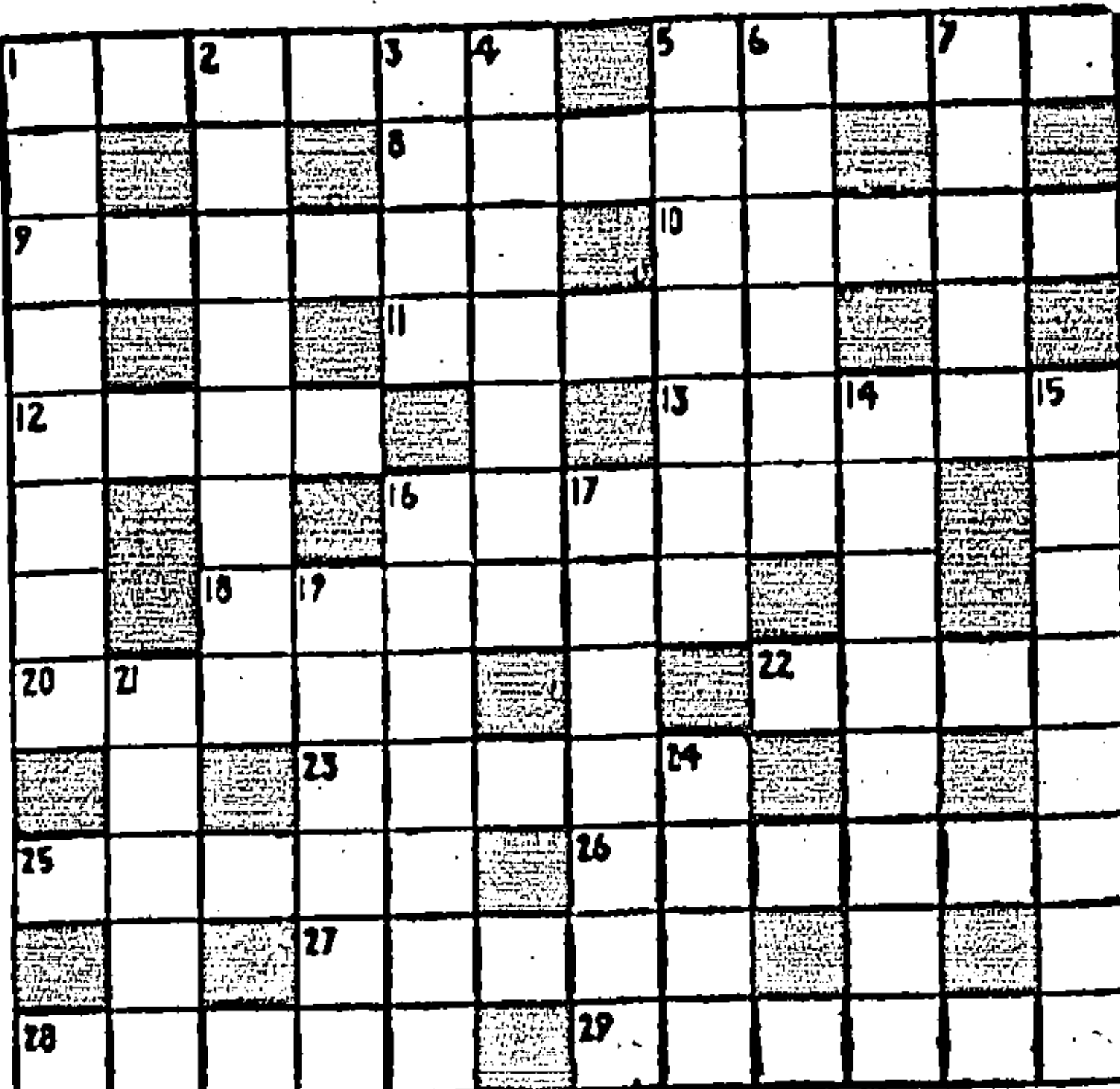
Men of the 12th Submarine Flotilla plan their first reunion at the RNRV Club in London on March 16.

There's was one of the most dangerous and eerie jobs of the war: they fought either in mid-gut submarines (X-craft) or in human torpedoes, known as "chariots" or "jeeps" to the men who served in them.

Among the men invited to the reunion is Admiral Sir Max Horton, wartime submarine chief. Four VCs decorated for service with the flotilla are also expected there.

To lure Scottish members, the date of the reunion falls on the eve of the England and Scotland match at Twickenham.

A British Crossword Puzzle



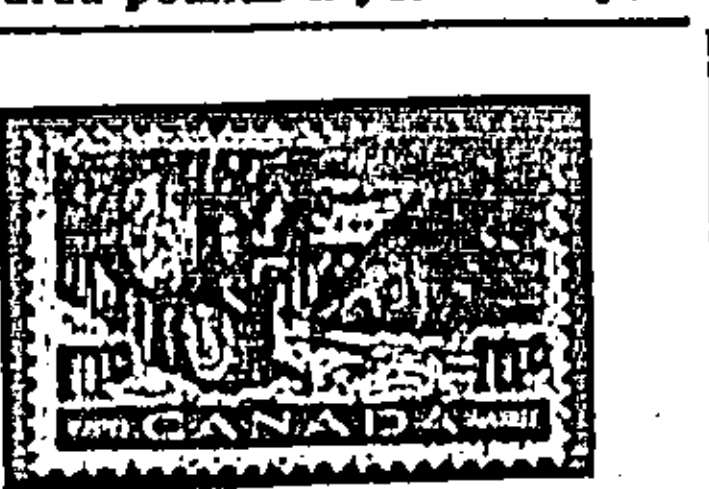
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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Practice. | 1 Beauty preparation. |
| 5 Pierce. | 2 Vestment. |
| 8 Sound. | 3 Past. |
| 9 Hide. | 4 Controller. |
| 10 Pick-me-up. | 5 Word-for-word. |
| 11 Bird. | 6 Beau. |
| 12 Measures of length. | 7 Offence. |
| 13 Revolts. | 8 Alarms. |
| 16 Meal. | 9 Astutely. |
| 18 Sung. | 10 Revolves. |
| 20 Swindle. | 11 Peace-loving. |
| 22 Accurate. | 12 Annoy. |
| 23 Mad. | 21 Emerge from egg. |
| 25 Animal. | 24 Costly. |
| 26 Cut down. | |
| 27 Pigment. | |
| 28 Indoor game. | |
| 29 Irritable. | |

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Scab, 7 Hurry, 8 Urge, 9 Serf, 10 Edifice, 12 Fast, 15 Adapt, 18 Anon, 19 Oriel, 21 Hovel, 22 Sped, 23 Solid, 28 Nods, 29 Recruit, 30 Claw, 31 Duma, 32 Astir, 33 Rues. Down: 1 Guide, 2 Preface, 4 Creep, 5 Buff, 6 Eggs, 9 Scan, 11 Jools, 13 Arid, 14 Tall, 16 Topic, 17 Shun, 18 Avid, 20 Redress, 22 Slew, 24 Orate, 25 Mimic, 27 Onus, 28 Scar.

PEOPLE By JON HOPE

DRACULA PAYS UP

Living in South Kensington is a man who draws several hundred pounds a year in royalties from a book written by his father in the nineties.



Red Indians go hunting mink

RED INDIAN trappers are out today in the snow-covered wilds of Canada taking a big haul of beaver, mink, and the fierce spotted lynx.

The Indians lay their traps on the animals' trail and cover them lightly with snow. When the pelts are taken off they are stretched on wooden frames to dry.

This new Canadian stamp shows the trappers hanging up the pelts near their wigwag.

Face-value: 10 cents (about 8d.); perforation, 12; Price, unused, 1s.

Festival Camp For Youth

An international camp for young people, from 16 to 21 years of age, is being planned by Essex Education Committee to coincide with the Festival of Britain.

The camp will be held at "Stubbers," North Ockendon, for six weeks from July 21. Many young people on the Continent have already intimated they would like to combine a visit to the Festival with a stay at the camp.

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The man, 70-year-old accountant Noel Stoker. The book that chills thriller, "Dracula." Bram Stoker, author of "Dracula," died in 1912. He was at one time Sir Henry Irving's business manager at the Lyceum Theatre. Shaw called him "a man of feeling, understanding and integrity."

"Dracula"—it first appeared resplendent in yellow boards with scarlet lettering—still finds 15,000 buyers every year.

Recently I referred to re-issue of Arnold Bennett's 32-year-old tale "The Pretty Lady." Today there is news about the revival of another novel of the same name. It is Compton Mackenzie. "Sybil Scarlett,"

Writing materials were short when Mackenzie wrote the story in April. Using the blue part of the typewriter ribbon, his wife typed it on the back of MS of an earlier work, "Guy and Pauline." The red half was used by D. H. Lawrence, another Capri resident for his "Fantasia of the Unconscious."

Recalls Mackenzie: "I can see him now bringing back that grand old typewriter on his head along the cliffs, a bottle of benedictine in one hand to be opened in celebration."

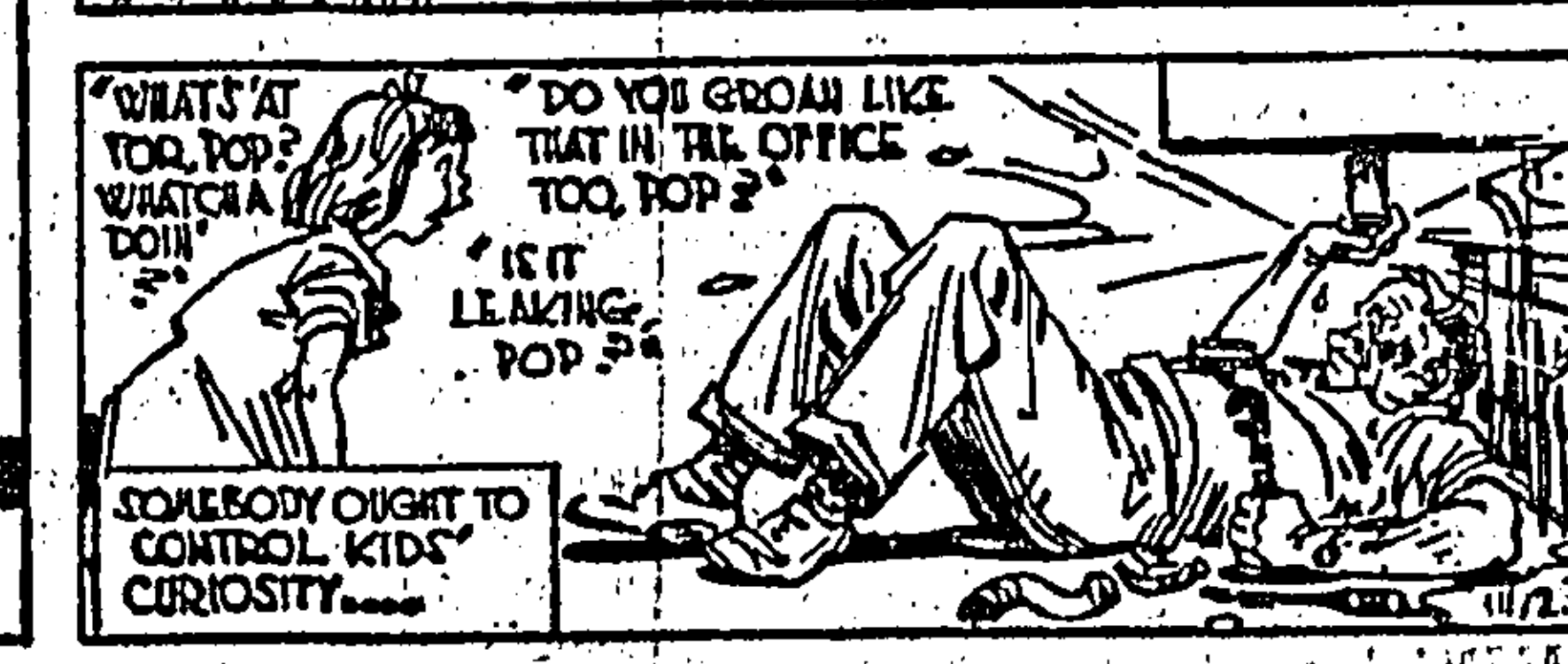
W. Stanley Moss, author of the well-received "Ill Met By Moonlight," is having a novel published in the New Year. He wrote it seven years ago when he was Major Moss of the Coldstream Guards. Title of novel—"Bats With Baby Faces." It has a secret service background. Nowadays Moss lives in Eire with his wife and young daughter.

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VIGNETTES OF LIFE



Controls By KEMP STARRETT





PUZZLES



STORIES



HOBBIES

The BOYS and GIRLS PAGE



CRAFTS



GAMES



JOKES

LUCK OF LEFTY --- By Gene Hervey

WE called him "Unlucky Lefty." He was small and sandy-haired and skinny. He missed the first two weeks of school because he had had a late case of chickenpox. And then his bicycle had been stolen just as he was ready to take a paper route. And, on top of that, he had lost the prospective paper route to a fellow who had had the necessary bike. We all felt sorry for "Unlucky Lefty."

Around the middle of November Jennie Raines invited our crowd to a "superstition party." Lefty was included and I found myself paired off with him for the occasion. I felt silly. I'm one of those tall girls and Lefty hardly reached those broad-shouldered shoulders of mine. Anyhow we had fun from the take-off because Lefty was a good sport even with all the setbacks.

Thirteen kids in all arrived at the party and we had to walk under a ladder at the Raines' house to get to the porch. One by one we were asked if we knew the 13th password and no one did. We lined up in a row and big Bill Brady who was first in line looked anxiously at Jennie and said:

"Aw, come on. Someone help me out."

Whereupon Jennie's brother, Hal, and three other big fellows grabbed Bill and carried him under the ladder to the sidewalk while the rest of us laughed and swung inside.

TRICKS like the "13th password" went on all evening. Just before refreshments were served, Jennie gave us the clue to a treasure hunt by chanting:

A bag of treasure is on a hill. If you don't find it, someone will.

The hill is near, the way is steep. You'll kneel at times, and then you'll creep. Hurry up and bring it back. You'll keep, of course, what's in the sack.

Several of the crowd headed for Edgewood hill in the park nearby. Others had the idea it was the summit of Forsythe Avenue and went running in that direction.

Lefty winked at me and said: "That's any of those places, Irene."

Curious, I pulled my coat around my shoulders and followed the little fellow out of the Raines' back door. Where should Lefty lead me but to the back yard where a high load of



Sure enough—on the topmost st pinnacle slumped a sack.

firewood was stacked, ready to be placed in the basement. Sure enough—on the topmost pinnacle slumped a sack.

"That lets me out," I remarked, peering up in the darkness. "I wouldn't climb that hill of logs for all the tea in China. Don't you do it either, Lefty. It's just another of Jennie's gags."

Lefty was already starting to climb the log pile. If you have ever tried to mount even a small bunch of stacked-up logs, you'll have a rough idea of what Lefty was up against. The logs kept sliding and Lefty kept falling back. He finally reached the point and he and the sack and the logs all came down together in a bumping, rolling jumble.

Brusied and panting, Lefty triumphantly held the bulging sack. It was heavy as all get-out. Lefty continued to pant as he toted it into the Raines' living room. The other boys and girls returned then and Lefty opened the bag. I saw the disappointment on his face. Inside were 30 horseshoes. And, if you are wondering where Jennie got 30 horseshoes, the answer is simple: Jennie's father runs one of the best riding stables in these parts.

"Some gag—as if anyone would lug 30 horseshoes home," Bill scoffed.

Lefty, still the good sport, grinned: "I would."

Bill said: "On you even horseshoes are unlucky. The treasure is another gag—can't you see that?"

But Lefty couldn't and toted his sack of horseshoes home.

That was a month ago. I saw Lefty yesterday and he was riding a brand new bike and he was delivering parcels for Groggins, the druggist.

"How did it happen?" I asked wonderingly.

Lefty pointed to a shiny horseshoe knocker on the corner house.

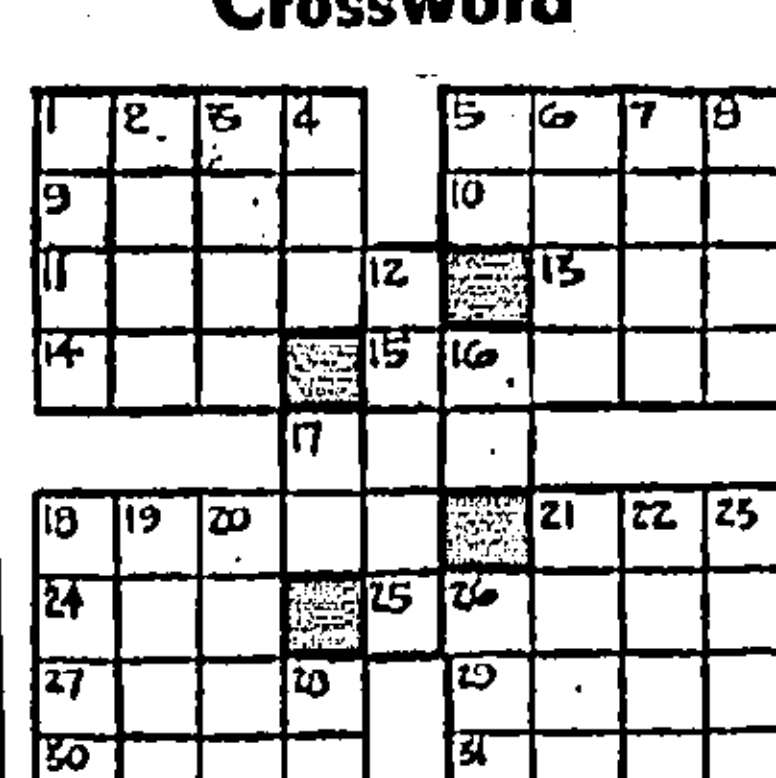
"I polished up those horseshoes, added a few grimaces and sold every one of the 30 as doorknockers for \$1.50 apiece. The 13th party I sold was Mr. Groggins—that's how I get this job. Say, today's the 13th—how about going to the pictures with me?"

"Sure, Lefty," I answered.

Somewhat even a tall girl can't quite resist a little fellow who puts a "p" before luck and isn't bothered by any superstition, either good or bad.

Wit Sharpeners

Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Operative solo
- 5 Gem
- 9 Discumbers
- 10 Sea eagle
- 11 Small islands
- 12 Individual
- 13 English river
- 14 Peruvian mountains
- 17 Dined
- 18 Larlat
- 21 Beverage
- 22 To find a sum
- 25 Approaches
- 27 Pedal digits
- 29 Great Lake
- 30 Otherwise
- 31 Russian river

DOWN

- 1 Dry
- 2 Get up
- 3 Unoccupied
- 4 Peer Gyn's mother
- 5 Whirlwind
- 6 Goad
- 7 English queen
- 8 Dregs
- 12 Demon
- 16 Compass point
- 17 Near
- 18 Proportion
- 19 False god
- 20 Fruit drinks
- 21 Weight deduction
- 22 Ireland
- 23 On the ocean
- 26 Long, snaky fish
- 28 Southeast (ab.)

Fun With Words

DO YOU know some of the fashionable colours, as "aqua" or "taupe"? If so, this colour game will be easy for you. To play it, just add one letter to each word below that will change it into a colour.

You can add the one letter at the beginning, in the middle, or at the end of each word. But you must not change the order of the letters.

- Example: whit—white.
Now try your luck.
1. jpk
 2. brow
 3. ray
 4. nay
 5. ream
 6. old
 7. what
 8. range
 9. fame
 10. each
 11. coal
 12. lack
 13. win
 14. rick

Diamond

VARIETY, this week's theme, forms the centre of this diamond. The second word is "a male"; third "female horses"; fifth is "poor"; and sixth is "a pigpen."

VARIETY

- V
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Riddles

1. Why is a fishmonger stingy?
2. Why is a butcher a prankster?
3. Why do clothing stores always have gloves for sale?
4. What does a wrestler carry around with him that he can't hold for 10 minutes?

Indoor Game For Rainy Days

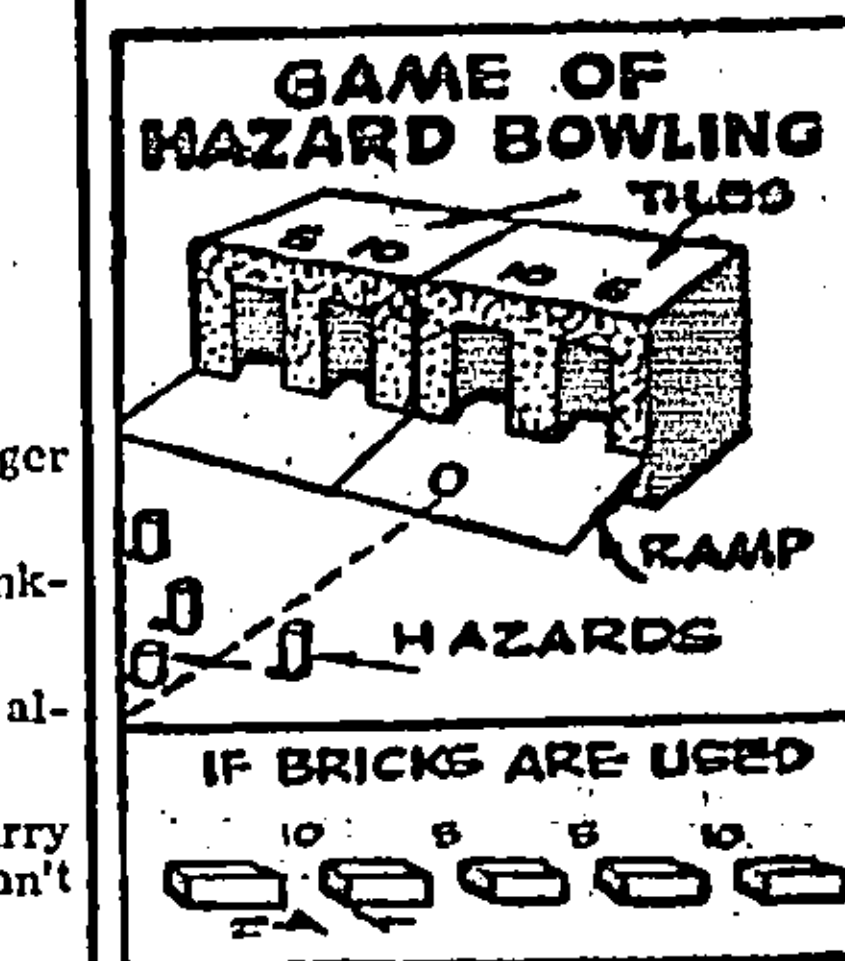
BY WALTER KING

THIS exciting new sport, called "Hazard Bowling," is intended to be played indoors on any good-sized floor.

At one end of the room the targets are erected. These are made by placing two hollow tiles side by side or by spacing five bricks, so that there are four openings between them. The openings should be at least two inches wide. If large sized hollow tiles are used you will have to build cardboard ramps with tongues leading into the holes.

Next, four hazards are required. These may be made by sawing off a broom handle into two-inch lengths. For bowling purposes half a dozen large marbles will do but golf balls are better.

The starting line should be about 10 feet from the bricks. Each player gets six shots in turn and what makes the game so interesting is that before a player shoots, his opponent is allowed to place the four hazards anywhere on the floor providing they are no closer to the bricks than 12 inches. The bowler must then either knock over the



hazards to score, or endeavour to miss them altogether. When a hazard is knocked down it is moved from the floor before the next shot is made. The two outside holes count five. You will find it is very difficult to score at all if your opponent uses his head and places the hazards where they will block the way most effectively. But practice makes perfect in any game. Play six rounds each and the player or team with the highest score after each player has had 36 shots is the winner.

Butter Bath

If you ever run out of bath oil, you might, in a pinch, get a substitute from the ice box—a piece of butter.

The ancient Romans never thought of eating butter. They smeared it on burns and bruises and rubbed themselves with it after bathing.

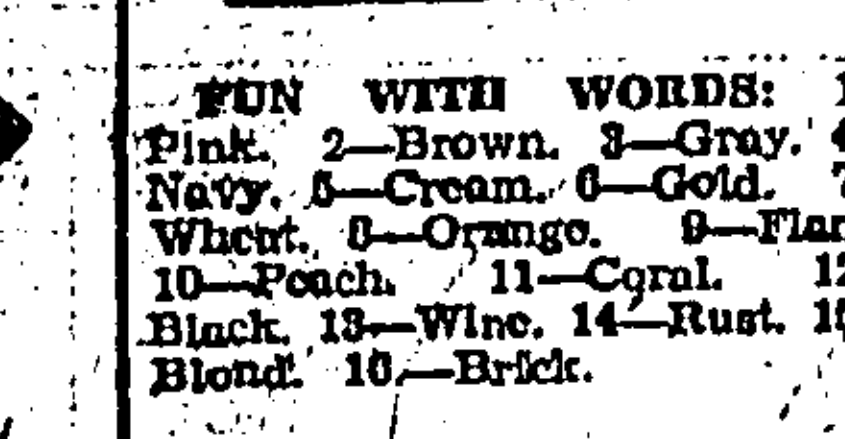
How surprised the Romans must have been when they met the Teutons and learned that their popular salve and bath oil was also a tasty food!

In Abyssinia today butter is a favourite hair tonic. The people put butter on their hair—smooth it, and also to shield it from the burning sun.

The people of Tibet live in a very cold climate. They butter their faces to help keep warm. The butter protects the skin from the freezing winds.

Solution & Answers

CROSSWORD:



FUN WITH WORDS:

1. Pink
2. Brown
3. Gray
4. Navy
5. Cream
6. Gold
7. White
8. Orange
9. Flame
10. Peach
11. Coral
12. Black
13. Wine
14. Rust
15. Blond
16. Brick

DIAMOND:

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RIDDLES:

1. A fish
2. A pig
3. A glove
4. A pigpen

ZOO'S WHO



MONITOR DRAGONS OF KOMODO ISLAND, THE WORLD'S LARGEST LIZARDS, WEIGH 300 POUNDS AND REACH A LENGTH OF 12 FEET, YET SCIENTISTS OVERLOOKED THEIR EXISTENCE UNTIL 1912.

MOOSE WILL DIVE IN DEEP WATER AFTER FOOD AND THEIR TRACKS HAVE BEEN FOUND ON THE BOTTOM OF LAKES 12 FEET BENEATH THE SURFACE.

Knarf Had a Game to Play

It Was Called Hop-the-Podas

By MAX TRELL

KNARF had made himself quite small—about as small as a cricket (for, being a Shadow, he could make himself any size he pleased). He was playing a game with himself called Hop-the-Podas. It was a game he had made up by himself. This is how he played it. He ran—hopping and hopping across the meadow, and whenever he came to a daisy or a dandelion or a buttercup or a clover he leap-frogged over it.

You might think this would be easy to do. But if you were as small as a cricket, you would be surprised at how hard it was. Nevertheless it was a fun game, and Knarf was enjoying it all by himself.

He was half-way across the meadow and was just about to leap-frog over a particularly high daisy when he heard Willy Toad's voice. Knarf looked around. There was a rustling in the grass. The next moment Willy appeared.

Doing Nothing

"What are you doing?" Willy asked. "The reason I'm asking is because I'm doing nothing, and if you're doing nothing, we can both do nothing together."

Over the Moon

Later that day Knarf asked his friend Mr. Punch who in the whole world could jump the highest. "Well," said Mr. Punch after giving the question some thought, "I once read about a cow who jumped over the moon. But I don't really believe she ever did it. It's just a poem. I guess a raindrop can jump higher than anyone in the world."

"A—what?" exclaimed Knarf in astonishment. He thought Mr. Punch had said raindrop, but he couldn't be certain.

"Yes, Knarf, a raindrop. First a raindrop falls on the ground. Then what happens? It waits until the sun comes out again, then up it goes—up, up, up—into the sky."

"A raindrop goes up, Mr. Punch?"

"Of course! We call it evaporation. It goes straight up again... and doesn't stop until it reaches a cloud! Now that's a jump!"

"Wow!" said Knarf. "And it comes down again! Yes, indeed! It comes down the next rain! And that's a jump, too!"

"Oh," said Knarf. "A raindrop never thought of times, and came tumbling down."

Rupert's Autumn Primrose—29



The first thing that came into his mind was the picture that he had seen in an old book, and there it was. "Well, this is queer," he says. "Did he come all this way just to see what time it was? And if so, why didn't he ask me? It's a little queer, but there is no harm in the world beyond it."

Stunts & Stuff

By Bess Ritter

OLD kindergarten alphabet blocks make perfect book-ends. Glue four of them together for each "end." Shine them up with a brushing of clear shellac. To make the finished objects heavier, glue dress weights to each bottom. Cover with a square of felt.

Mash two soft bananas to a pulp, then beat them with a rotary egg beater. Add two cups cream, beat some more. Result—the most delicious drink you eat with a spoon. Garnish the top with a sprinkling of cinnamon.

A "prediction scrapbook" will tell your own future. Paste magazine pictures in it that resemble what you'd like to be and do five years from now. Include the kind of people you'd

like to know; the places you'd like to visit; and the career you want to follow. You'll have fun creating your book; comparing it with those of your friends.

Instead of preparing a sandwich luncheon before starting on a picnic, pool your cash with companions and collect the "cash" at the super-market on the way. Cook over a campfire.

"Off to the Races" is a fast game. Each player attaches furniture castors to the feet of an old kitchen chair. His partner sits in the chair and is wheeled from the "Start" to the "Finish" line. The "pusher" wears roller skates. The one who gets around the playground first is declared the winner.

Name-bells you can make yourself are now and easy. Start with a long-enough piece of plastic, about eight inches wide, for each one. Fold in half. Punch small holes with an ice pick. In the plastic, to form the letters of your name. Slip a tiny brass, two-pronged paper fastener through each hole. Fasten on the wrong side. An inexpensive brass buckle provides the finishing touch.

If you're always the one who is "elected" to do the dishes, set up a small bird house right outside the kitchen window. Now you can "watch the birds" while you work. This little trick will bring you closer to nature in no time. Mulberries and cherries will also attract many feathered friends.

HOW TO BE A GOOD TALKER

YOU may be a big loud, fast talker but it doesn't follow that you are a good conversationalist.

There are rules to this talking business just like anything else. You can't get by for long with a limited-series like, "Hi-yah! Looks like more rain huh! Anything new?" That may do for the brief meeting on the street corner or school grounds but it won't get you to first base when a real conversationalist starts pitching at you.

"CARRY ON"

There are times when magpie chatter isn't objectionable, but again, the day always comes when you are expected to "carry on" a sensible conversation. Maybe you find you have to entertain some older friends who have dropped in casually while your parents are out. Maybe you have just been introduced to a newcomer and circumstances demand that you go through five minutes together. It could be that you will meet a famous athlete or a celebrated artist.

Do you get panicky when you have to talk to someone you don't know? Do you say silly things that mean nothing? Or do you just keep mum and play safe?

THE state of the weather,

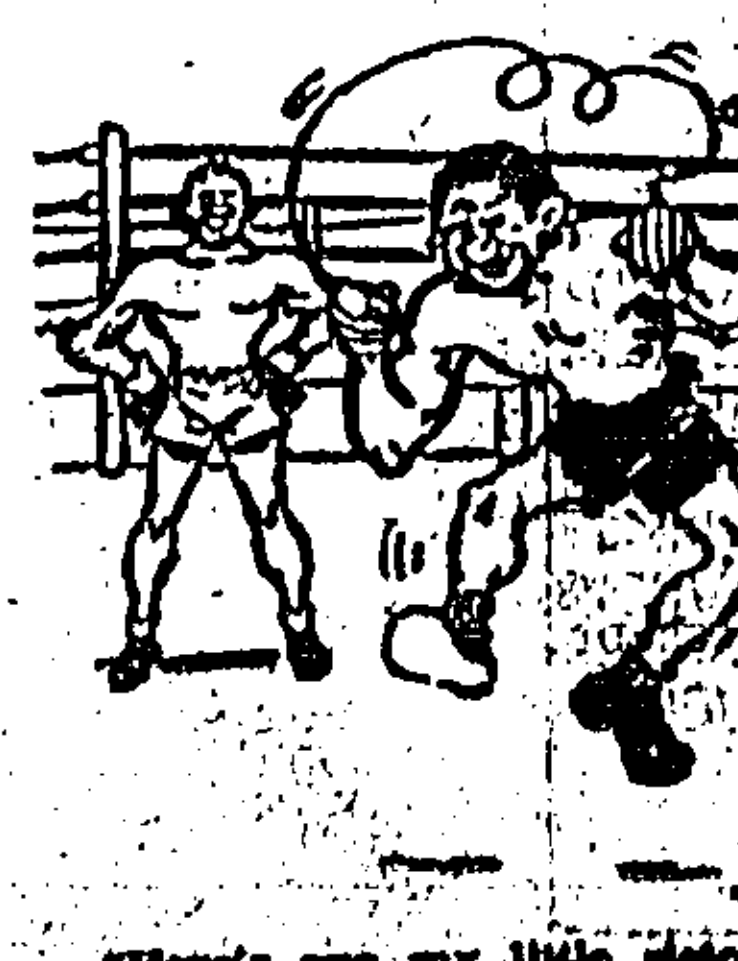
good or bad, may help break the ice, but unless you have something sensational like a big flood or tornado, to talk about, the weather is a pretty weak topic.

The best way to carry on a successful conversation is to find out, if you don't already know, what the other person likes and then shoot a few intelligent questions. Aim to get more information about any subject upon which your friend is likely to be able to talk with ease. Ask questions, but don't get too personal. Ask about other members of his family, clubs, hobbies,

Let It Rain!



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G. "FUNGING"	Sailed	30th Jan.
G. "MEMNON"	28th Dec.	5th Feb.
S. "ASTYANAX"	4th Jan.	10th Feb.
S. "TEUCER"	8th Jan.	12th Feb.
G. "PELEUS"	13th Jan.	15th Feb.
G. "CALCHAS"	21st Jan.	25th Feb.
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♥ 8543	
♦ K5	
♣ A4	
♠ Q1090	♠ A6
♥ A384	♥ K7
♦ 10732	♦ Q73
	♣ 865
(DEALER)	
♠ QJ1094	
♥ A32	
♦ 108	
♣ KQJ	
Both vul.	
South West North East	
1 ♠ Pass Pass Pass	
4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass	
Opening lead—♥ 10	

BY OSWALD JACOBY

"PLEASE tell us," asks a Cincinnati, O., correspondent, "whether West was to be pitted or blamed. He had to make the crucial decision in this hand, and he decided the wrong way."

"West opened the ten of hearts. East put up the king, and South won with the ace. South then led the six of diamonds from his hand."

"West had to decide whether or not to put up the ace at once. If he did, he later claimed, South might have turned up with three diamonds to the queen. Then South would be able to discard dummy's low club on the queen of diamonds—and the defence might thereby lose a club trick."

"At any rate, West played low. Dummy won with the king of diamonds, and declarer immediately ran the three clubs, discarding the losing diamond from the dummy. He could then afford to give up a trump and two hearts."

"East hastened to point out that South could not have made the contract if West had taken his ace of diamonds at the second trick. South would eventually have to give up a trump and two hearts."

"Was there any way for West to know what was being done to him?"

There was no sure way for West to know. Credit should be given to South for concocting a neat swindle. East has a right to complain only if he has never been talked out of a trick.

However, there was one slight clue that West might have been guided by. Why did South lead a diamond at the second trick? There were five trumps to the king staring him in the face, but he didn't draw trumps. Why not?

The reason a declarer doesn't draw trumps in a situation of this kind usually is that he lacks the ace of trumps and must make some other play before giving up the lead.

In other words, West might have suspected that his partner had the ace of trumps. That might have persuaded him to take the ace of diamonds, lead a trump to his partner's ace, and state everything on a heart return.

This, however, was only a slight indication. There was nothing sure about it. West really should not be blamed for playing a low diamond at the second trick.

PARANASSUS LODGE

By T. O. HARE

PARANASSUS LODGE is not an up-to-date Prep School, but its record in the annual inter-school chess competition among the four houses of the Headmaster's Cup is a credit to its players. The last season's competition table was as follows:

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URANIA	10	0	0

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YOUR BIRTHDAY SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

If you are born today, you must learn that self-reliance is the one way to success for a person of your type. The stars have been generous in bestowing their gifts upon you. As well as having literary aptitude, you have mechanical originality and a talent for learning foreign languages easily. These two attributes might be used equally well in science or diplomacy.

You are an ardent champion of truth and justice above all else. You dislike seeing inequalities among people and will do your utmost to help wherever you can. You will not be content with merely suggesting plans for betterment; you will want a hand in seeing that they are put into operation.

You may find that fate appears to play an important part in your life. Certain times seem best for your work, too. You will discover, no doubt, that early spring and late fall are good periods for you to inaugurate a new project.

Interested in the psychic and the mystic, you are inclined to approach it more from the scientific point of view than that of the credulous and superstitious person. As a scientist, you can't prove anything you are still, as the literary visionary, willing to think that there may be something in it beyond human comprehension. In other words, you keep an open mind.

You will be happiest if you wed early in life for a great deal of your contentment depends upon a pleasant home life.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Don't neglect your devotional duties. You will receive cheer and inspiration from them.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Pay a call on someone who needs cheering up. Get a mutual friend to accompany you, perhaps.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Plan an afternoon and evening of music and art. You will find inspiration and pleasure.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—You can improve your home surroundings with a little careful thought. Plan redecoration.

If you are born on this first day of the new sign, Aquarius, you are a leader, a seeker of basic truths and would do well in science. You are ruled by Uranus, God of the Air, and influenced by Saturn, the God of Time. This gives you a philosophical bent which makes it easy for you to see the great truths which exist. You might, in fact, make some new scientific or philosophical discovery. You also inherit some of the characteristics of the outgoing sign, Capricorn—a strong combination if you use it wisely.

Quiet, reserved and dignified, you have tremendous force of character. You are dependable, steadfast and patient with everything but procrastination and laziness—in others as well as in yourself. You want to be busy all the time. You are one to have a set of principles and hold to them no matter what happens. You honestly believe yourself to be right—others to be wrong. Yet you are not too stubborn to change your mind with changing conditions. But it takes a lot of proving!

You have a great love of home and the comforts which it can offer. You will be happiest if you wed at an early age and have a family growing up around you. You will be devoted to them and be most happy when you are making them happy.

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GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—You may need to do some important work today in an effort to catch up on your schedule.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Take a gift to someone who has been ill. You will find your attention is highly appreciated.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Think something over carefully before making an important decision. Concentrate your efforts on peacemaking.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Drop your regular routine for some cultural pleasure. A change of scene can bring renewed energy.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Be cautious in your dealings with others. Be socially correct in everything you do. Play safe.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Visit a friend in the hospital. A telephone call may clear up some minor misunderstanding for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Attend to your devotional duties and you will find they bring pleasure and inspiration.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Church attendance with friends can prove of real benefit. Give assistance to someone.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—A plan of a co-worker may prove highly successful if you will co-operate with it wholeheartedly.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Improve your surroundings and your work will improve, as well.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—One of those high-pressure days when someone needs to remain calm and serene. Do your share to help.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Perhaps you can pay a compliment to someone and bring encouragement and pleasure. Be tactful.

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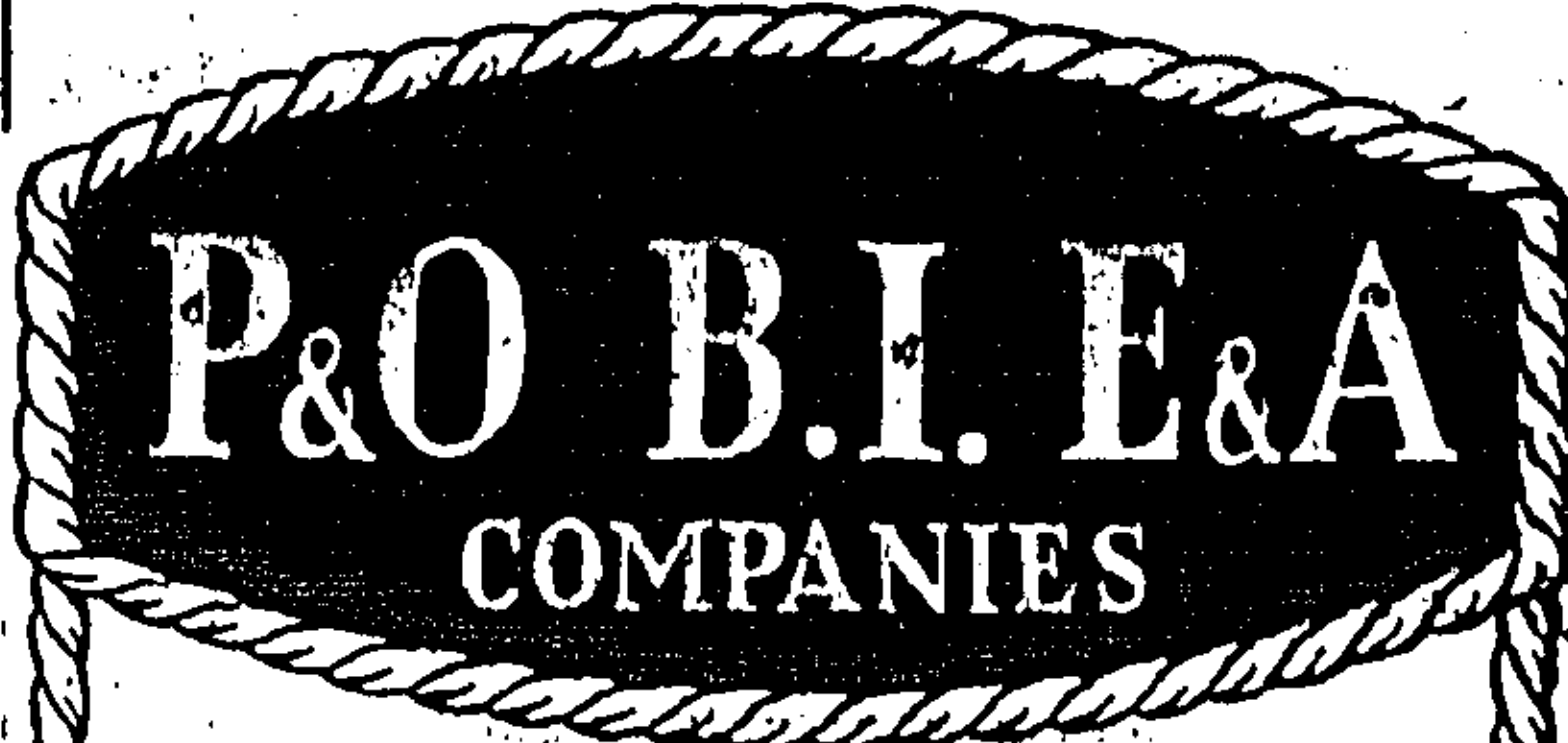
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Should Soccer Take A Leaf Out Of The Rugby Union Rule Book?

Asks PETER WILSON

Should Soccer take a leaf out of the Rugby Union rule book when it comes to a deliberate infringement which prevents a certain goal?

A bitter controversy has arisen because of the comment by my colleague, Robert Findlay, who, writing of the Southampton-Luton match, said:—

"Goalkeeper Stretton started the day by stopping an Eric Day penalty, so Sid Owen (centre half) was justified in tipping the ball over the bar with his fingers—it saved a certain goal, earned the penalty."

Let me say right away that I entirely agree with Findlay's view. A defender is there to do the best for his club, and as long as his actions do not physically hurt any member of the opposing side I don't see that he can be blamed for using any artifice to prevent the opposition scoring.

That is as the rules stand. But I do think there's a strong case for some revision in the rules.

I've heard it suggested that there should be a free kick awarded from where the incident took place, but then you might have the ridiculous sight of all 11 members of a team crowded along their goal-line while someone took an aimless blunder from a yard and a half away.

MORE SEVERE

The Rugby Union is far more definite—and far more severe. Part of Rule 20 of the laws of the game reads:—

"The referee shall award a try if, in his opinion, one who has been fouled has obtained or is about to obtain the ball by unfair play or unlawful interference of the defending team. Such try shall be awarded between the posts."

The additional sting is in the tail of this rule because "the

unfair play or unlawful interference" may have taken place near the touch line, but, by awarding a try (three points) between the posts it makes it odds on that a goal (five points) will be scored.

Perhaps so that the whole onus of deciding what would be a "certain" goal should not burden one man alone it might be as well in Soccer if the referee had to consult the linesman who should be in line with the goal.

But in the meantime don't suggest that Owen wasn't fully justified in acting as he did. Owen was trying to save his side, and if I had been he I should have done precisely what he did.

I'D LIKE TO KNOW...

How can football clubs agree to sell Cup-tickets to supporters only if they buy tickets for reserve matches? Surely this imposes a "condition of sale."

And isn't it also farcical when the fans leave before the reserve match even starts?

Is ex-lightweight champion Eric Boon serious in his comeback campaign? He's been working out hard in the gymnasium and is down to about 10 stone.

But will he ever get a licence, considering some of his "no-contests"—and what he had to say about the fight game when he originally quit it?

Is it always much fun to partner the great? Pat Hughes, British Davis Cup player, and Wimbledon doubles champion (1936), had this to say about Fred Perry, with whom he usually played: "When we won people would say, 'Wasn't Perry good?' When we lost they said, 'Wasn't Hughes bad?'"

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MEET THE TEAMS—The Midget Dodgers



Unlike their Senior League counterpart, the brilliant performance of the Midget Dodgers proved a pleasant surprise as to date they have not yet suffered a defeat and seem well on their way to annexing the Jack Shepherd Trophy.

Prexy Molthen who inaugurated the league a month ago is seen standing at the extreme left. The others reading to right are: Tony Tavares, Anore Souza, Benny Eusebio, Benjamin Babida, Charlie Curry, Danny O'Connor, Rodrigo Babida, Johnnie Azevedo, Jimmy Lopes, Cypri Caldas, Ferdie Diesta Jr., Bobbie Marques, Jose Rodrigues and Coach Fernando Diesta. — Golden Studio Photograph.

Week-end Softball

TWO CRUCIAL GAMES THIS WEEK-END IN THE SENIOR LEAGUE PENNANT RACE

Caroliners Tangle With Madcaps & Saints With The Terries

By "GRANDSTAND"

With the Softball Senior League flag chase roaring down the home-stretch, the front-runners are thinning out as they near the wire running for Pennantville on all cylinders, while at the same time rabid fans are struck with the usual pennant fever, hoping silently that their champions will pull through in this crucial stage.

Two games this week in the Gold section of the senior circuit may decide whether the excitement will be prolonged, as South China take on the Merry Madcaps in tomorrow's nightcap while St Joseph's and St Teresa's tangle at 11 a.m., with the Joys still hanging on to the chance of a South China setback which will give them another crack for a playoff position.

The standings in the Blue section of the Seniors are likely to remain stagnant as the Overseas Chinese and Canadians take on the basement-dwelling Dodgers and Reds.

The finalists in the Junior League being practically decided last week, this week's tussles in the minor loop will, nevertheless, be of interest as rival outfits lock horns to settle inter-team rivalries. Injuries, St. Teresa's should have no difficulty in accounting for the Clovers when these two female outfits cross bats at noon tomorrow.

BREAKS AGAINST THEM

Buster Hollands Madcap outfit, who have championship material, had the breaks against them this season, for in both of their games against the Saints they met their foes at their best and thus dropped two decisions which proved fatal as far as their pennant aspirations were concerned. In spite of their elimination, their coming encounter with South China will be in the spotlight this week, as a victory for them will jeopardise chances for the Caroliners, for South China have yet to meet the Saints in a return game.

Hurley Kelly Silva-Netto, who is Holland's regular moundman, pitched his best game this year against the Saints last week, and if he should strike the same form again, the Madcaps will have more than an even chance of bettering the contingent from Caroline Hall.

Coach P. K. Lau has been relying on his slugging "nothing ball" pitcher P. C. Wong to carry the side through the torrid pennant race, and so far has achieved success in fooling the opposition.

Of the trio of junior league tussles, the best match should be the Aces v. St. Teresa's scuffle slated for 3.30 p.m. this afternoon. Both teams are out of the bag chase but their rivalry is so keen that the coming encounter will be in the nature of a private feud.

Both teams have first rate material with Derek Osborne and Charlie Osoyo as opposing hurlers and the defence being about even, the outcome will depend on the battle of wits between Ace mastermind Frankie Xavier and Robert Quacks Remedios.

In the other minor circuit game, the Blackhawks will be fielding the Gutierrez brothers, Manuel and Antonio, for the last time as the hard-hitting duo will be sailing for the land of kangaroos next week. Mainly due to the reputation of the Senior League outfit, South China have been drawing fans lately, and despite the fact that they are in the lower bracket of the standings, they can be depended on to dish out a good brand of ball.

The wires have been humming as arrangements for the exhibition game on the Recreio diamond are under way for these to be staged on Sunday, February 4, with a gala affair between Portugal and China among the men while the Portuguese ladies take on the rest of the Colony.

Bill Woo of the Senior League Canucks and coach of the Canucks in the Ladies League, has been appointed by the Association to select and manage the Rest side, and glancing over the galaxy of stars at his disposal, he has enough talent to give the powerful Portuguese a strong challenge to their diamond supremacy. The Rest side will be selected from the following:

Wahoon—Dolly Brown, Gwen Dragon, Elsie Thompson; St. Teresa's—Edith Mason; Clovers—Thelma Coelho, Joyce Pomeroy, Florence Heng, Alex Mendonca, Tania Tennison; Pirates—Betty Park, June Lee, Dorothy Park, Tracy Brown, Bobbie Lee; White Fanes—Cecile Arnulphy, Mario Louise Arnulphy, Norma Mahor, Ghislaine Mok; Canadians—Alice Mar, Effie Babida, Mignon

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"NIEUW HOLLAND"	+	In Port	25th Jan.	25th Jan.
"TJISADANE"	...	22nd Jan.	27th Jan.	27th Jan.
"TASMAN"	...	21st Jan.	1st Feb.	1st Feb.
"TJISADANE"	...	7th Feb.	28th Feb.	28th Feb.
"TJISADANE"	...	7th Feb.	11th Feb.	11th Feb.
+ to Singapore & Java.				
... only to Singapore, Penang & B. Deli.				
... not calling at Singapore.				

MANILA, EAST & SOUTH AFRICA and SOUTH AMERICA			ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"TJISADANE"	...	30th Jan.	15th Feb.	15th Feb.
"BOISSEVAIN"	...	26th Jan.	17th Mar.	17th Mar.
"TJISADANE"	...	1st Feb.	20th Mar.	20th Mar.
+ via Japan.				
... not calling Manila & S. America.				

JAPAN			ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"BOISSEVAIN"	...	16th Mar.	28th Jan.	28th Jan.
"TJISADANE"	...	...	15th Feb.	15th Feb.
"TJISADANE"	...	...	5th Feb.	5th Feb.

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EUROPE via MANILA and MALAYA			ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"MELISKERK"	...	...	10th Feb.	10th Feb.
"AAGTEKERK"	...	5th Feb.	5th Mar.	5th Mar.
"TJISADANE"	...	3rd Feb.	...	...

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JAPAN			ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
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"AAGTEKERK"	+	3th Mar.	10th Feb.	10th Feb.
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Conscription In Kenya

Nairobi, Jan. 19. The Kenya Government today published a Bill for compulsory military service for men between 18 and 45 and the direction of older men into civil defence or other national service.

It covers compulsory enrolment of women, too, for military and civil duties.

This National Service Bill, which is to be introduced into the Legislative Council, affects all British subjects and British-protected persons.

Men eligible for compulsory service will be liable to service inside or outside the colony.—Reuter.

COLONIAL DEFENCE INCREASE

London, Jan. 19. Wartime mobilisation and training centres for colonial troops will be maintained to meet Commonwealth needs, a Ministry of Defence spokesman said here today.

By next April, the total strength of the Colonial forces will be 70,000, a slight increase of strength after the postwar demobilisation.

During the second World War Britain recruited 223,000 African troops in East Africa and 150,000 from West African territories.

The first job of the troops now being maintained will be to protect their own territories. In the event of war they might be sent elsewhere.

A report that Britain is planning to recruit up to 500,000 African troops to defend the West was denied at the Defence Ministry today.

"That is pure speculation," an official said, "and it is unfounded."—Reuter.

WEEK-END SOCCER

TODAY

1st DIVISION LEAGUE.—Kwong Wah v. C.A.A.—Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.
K.M.B. v. South China.—Boundary Street, 4 p.m.
R.A.F. v. Army.—Sookun-poo, 4 p.m.
Eastern v. Police.—Navy, 2.30 p.m.
Navy v. Club.—Navy, 4 p.m.

2nd DIVISION "A".—South China v. Navy.—Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.
R.A.F. v. Dockyard.—Kai Tak, 3 p.m.
Solicitors v. C. & W.—Navy, H.V., 2.30 p.m.
Tramways v. Club.—Navy, H.V., 4 p.m.

2nd DIVISION "B".—K.M.B. v. Eastern.—Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.
Kwong Wah v. P.C.A.—Sookun-poo, 2.30 p.m.

TOMORROW

MEMORIAL CUP.—H.K. Chinese v. Army.—Club, 3.15 p.m.
K.L. Chinese v. Navy.—Boundary St., 3.15 p.m.

(Duration of the above two matches will be 90 minutes. An extra 10 minutes each way must be played in the event of a draw.)

2nd DIVISION "A".—University v. Police.—Navy, 2.30 p.m.

2nd DIVISION "B".—Kitchie v. C.A.A.—Navy, 4 p.m.

Talkoo v. St. Joseph's.—Navy, H.V., 2.30 p.m.

Yard Police v. Prison's.—Navy, H.V., 4 p.m.

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Army	12	9	1	2	32 11 16
Kwong Wah	12	8	2	2	30 21 16
Police	12	8	2	2	30 21 16
Club	12	8	2	2	30 21 16
St. Joseph's	12	8	2	2	30 21 16
Navy	12	8	2	2	30 21 16
C.A.A.	12	8	2	2	30 21 16
Eastern	12	8	2	2	30 21 16
R.A.F.	12	8	2	2	30 21 16
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South China	11	11	1	1	57 8 22
Navy	11	11	1	1	57 8 22
R.A.F.	11	11	1	1	57 8 22
Tramways	11	11	1	1	57 8 22
Police	11	11	1	1	57 8 22
Dockyard	11	11	1	1	57 8 22
Club	11	11	1	1	57 8 22
Cable	11	11	1	1	57 8 22
2nd DIVISION "B"					
Kitchie	11	11	1	1	57 8 22
C.A.A.	11	11	1	1	57 8 22
Kwong Wah	11	11	1	1	57 8 22
Talkoo	11	11	1	1	57 8 22
Yard Police	11	11	1	1	57 8 22
St. Joseph's	11	11	1	1	57 8 22
P.C.A.	11	11	1	1	57 8 22

English Public Disappointed By MCC Team

(By VERNON MORGAN, Reuter's Sports Editor)

London, Jan. 19.

There is an old saying that "a prophet is not without honour save among his own kith and kin." There was never a better example of this than the English cricket team in Australia.

Here at home, rightly or wrongly, the public seem without exception to be bitterly disappointed at what is considered to be the poor showing of England's touring team.

The 10th day of the tour has not given the public the opportunity to accept the heaven-sent opportunities.

There is pessimism that Australia retained the Ashes, gained in 1934, and held ever since, in three straight wins.

But look at the picture as presented by the Australians in despatches from the Commonwealth. There is a glowing tribute there for Britain's skipper, Freddie Brown, and his men.

Here are some of the eulogies from two men who ought to know what they are talking about, as they are both Test players with a wealth of international experience.

R. S. Whittington says: "The visit of Brown's team has raised England's stock higher in Australia than it has been at any time since the Battle of Britain and the peak of Mr Winston Churchill's career."

Can any praise be higher than that?

MOST ADMIRABLE

He goes on: "I think I speak for the majority of Australians when I say that Freddie Brown and his men have aroused Australia's admiration by the way they have battled in the three Tests, two of which given equal fortune they would undoubtedly have won."

And of the skipper he adds: "Brown will live in memory as one of the most respected and admired captains England has ever sent to Australia."

This must make the faces very red of those who were suggesting after the first Test even later that Brown might, perhaps, give up the captaincy of the side as he was not worth his place in the team!

Bill O'Reilly, the famous bowler, who has played with

the greatest of Australian teams under Bradman, says: "England has done a great job and shown up many weaknesses in Australian cricket. The Australians are not nearly so satisfied with their teams as they were before the series began."

There seems little doubt that Sir Donald Bradman has been badly missed during this present series and to a lesser degree Syd Barnes. Over here in England it seems amazing that the Australians are no longer able to put up the mammoth scores which are now automatically expected of them.

BOWLERS' WICKETS

Indeed, one of the reasons why critics are so critical of the Englishmen is that "they could not beat this Australian team," the suggestion being that the present Australian side is a poor one.

Certainly they did give England the chance of beating them in all three of the Tests, though whether any team, let alone England, would have been able to take advantage of this is a matter of opinion.

It looks at this distance as if the low scores have been not only due to good bowling but weak batting and the fact that the Australian pitches have, for once, been less perfect than they used to be.

Despatches from Australia confirmed that the wickets have been much more in favour of bowlers than in recent tours.

However much praise is bestowed upon Brown and his men in Australia, cricket fans in England are disturbed by the consistent failures of Denis Compton, whom it is now feared has had his day.

Praise for Bailey, Redser, Washbrook and Simpson is qualified and only Ian Hutton is felt to have added lustre to his name.

The fine Yorkshire bat, Hutton, is considered in cricket circles in England, and apparently in Australia too, as being the greatest bat of the present era and a worthy successor to the superb Don Bradman.

If there are those who feel that he may have equals in the Australian Keith Miller, and the West Indian, Frank Worrell, it is generally conceded that neither of these is his superior.

The trouble has been that he has had no consistent support.—Reuter.

FAR EASTERN DEFENCE PACT URGED

Tokyo, Jan. 19. General Ho Ying-chin, Chairman of the Nationalist Chinese Strategy Advisory Council, told the Japanese press here today that a Far Eastern joint defence pact was needed, reports the Kyodo news agency.

General Ho Ying-chin said that such a pact was necessary to cope with the expanding Communist influence in this part of the world.

Asiatic countries should not wait for United States leadership in forming a united defence line. China, Japan, Korea and the Philippines should lose no time in concluding a defence pact, the Chinese military strategist said.

General Ho Ying-chin, who arrived in Tokyo on January 8, had expressed the same ideas repeatedly to the Japanese press. In his first meeting with the press here, he denied having come for important talks, explaining that his visit was for the purpose of keeping Chiang Kai-shek's company while she underwent medical treatment.—Reuter.

JACKIE COOGAN IN TROUBLE

Beverly Hills, California, Jan. 18. One time child movie star Jackie Coogan, now 36 years old and a salesman, was arrested and pleaded guilty to drunk driving today after smashing his foreign made auto into a parked car.

Police Judge Charles Griffin released him on a \$250 bill and set the sentencing for January 24.—United Press.

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